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TAXES RECOMMENDED.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A considerable increase in the cost of motoring in the Colony is foreshadowed by the issue this morning of a Report of a Government Committee appointed to consider and advise on the taxation of motor vehicles.

The announcement will probably take local motorists completely by surprise as no hint of the appointment of the Committee had been given. Important and somewhat sensational recommendations are made, including the complete cancellation of the present system, and the introduction of a petrol tax, a horse-power tax, and special taxes for public and commercial vehicles.

Britain's System.

The effect of the recommendations is to bring motor taxation in Hongkong in line with the system adopted in Great Britain. The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer were the members of the Committee. The Report of which is to be laid on the table at the Legislative Council tomorrow.

It is presumed that if the recommendations are accepted by the Government, they will be enforced on July 1st, when the date for renewal of licences comes round.

The Petrol and H. P. Taxes.

The Committee recommend that the Taxation on motor vehicles be as follows:

A duty of 10 cents per gallon on light oils (petroleum etc.) as defined by the Home Regulations. No rebates to be allowed on such oils used for purposes other than fuel for motor vehicles.

In addition to the above—

(a) Private motor cars and motor cycles—\$2 for each unit, or part of a unit of horse-power. Such horse power to be calculated in the same way as in England. Side cars to motor cycles \$5 in addition.

(b) Hackney motors (vehicles standing or plying for hire, buses, etc.)—Per seating capacity for each seat excluding the driver's seat, \$10.

(c) Commercial goods vehicles constructed or adapted for use and used solely for the conveyance of goods in the course of trade.

Weight unladen. Annual Licence.
Not exceeding 12 cwt. \$24
Exceeding 12 cwt. but not exceeding 1 ton 30
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 1 1/2 tons 48
For each additional 1/2 ton or part 12

The above annual licence fees are for vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres. The licence fees for vehicles fitted with solid tyres shall be 100% in addition to the above for each pair of wheels so fitted.

Registration Discs.

It is also recommended, that Registration discs be carried on the vehicles themselves similar to the discs in use in Great Britain. This is an easy method to check that licence fees have been duly paid.

As regards a Petrol Tax, the Committee state that it is now generally considered that a Petrol Tax is the fairest method of taxation for motor vehicles as by this means the tax is proportional to the use made of roads. In Great Britain the tax has now been re-introduced. Objections to a petrol tax are any question of rebates where petrol is used for other purposes, or for cars used for particular purposes i.e. doctors' cars.

In Great Britain there are now no rebates given and the only satisfactory principle is not to grant any rebates.

Another difficulty was definition, this is now got over by the definition of light oils introduced into the English Finance Act of 1927.

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LABOUR ELECTION PROGRAMME.

BIG SCHEME TO STIMULATE
EMPLOYMENT.

APPEAL TO WOMEN.

London, Apr. 30.

The Labour Party's manifesto outlining its programme for the coming General Election has been issued.

It upholds ordered progress by democratic methods and lays down a comprehensive scheme to stimulate employment. This consists of:

Housing.
Slum clearance.
Electrification.
Reorganisation of transport.
New roads.
Afforestation.
Reorganisation of the coal industry.

The re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Russia.
An agricultural policy co-ordinated with town policy.
The abolition of food taxes.

Equal educational opportunities, opening the road "from the Nursery School to the University."
Extension of the pension schemes.

Ratification of the Washington Eight-Hour Convention.
Amendment of the Trade Union Law.

The manifesto specially appeals to women, promising to deal with maternal mortality, and legal, social and economic anomalies affecting women and children, as well as to apply the principle of equal treatment for men and women.—*Reuter.*

THE SQUEEZE RING TRIAL ENDS.

CONSTABLE DISCHARGED BY
THE COURT.

EVIDENCE LACKING.

The case against Wong Kam-sing, a constable attached to the Hawkers' Licences Department, who is charged with misconduct by exacting "squeeze" from hawkers, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Cross-examined by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton for the defence, Sub-inspector E. J. Field, the officer in charge of the Department, said that the defendant had expressed a wish to be transferred to uniform duty, on the score that he was not in agreement with the other constables of the Department, but that was only after these latter had absconded.

Yau Ying, a hawker, said he knew defendant as being a plain-clothes constable. He had paid in "squeeze" not directly to the defendant, but through a man whom he designated as "that pock-marked fellow." In return he got a pass-word which he gave to defendant when the latter questioned him about his licence.

This latter incident occurred at 3 p.m. on April 20, while he was selling sugar-canes on the Praya.

Questioned by Mr. Hamilton, witness said he could not recall what pass-word it was that he gave to the defendant.

After further evidence, accused was discharged.

INDIAN AIR-LINER'S MISHAP.

TAIL-SKID DAMAGED AT
BAGDAD.

Bagdad, Apr. 30.

The first accident to an Imperial Airways liner on the London-India mail service occurred today to a machine bound for London.

The plane, taxi-ing in the aerodrome, prior to taking off for Cairo, ran over an underground petrol tank, which broke off the tail skid and damaged the fuselage.

The machine, consequently, was unable to leave. It is anticipated that the mails will be 24 hours late in Cairo, but that it will be possible to make up time between there and Croydon.—*Reuter.*

TWO VIEWS ON THE YEO FRAUDS?

MR. MESSER TAXED ON
ALLEGED DOUBT.

KEEN CROSS-EXAMINATION IN
BANK CASE.

A JURYMAN ABSENT.

The case in which the Government is suing the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$260,000 in respect of three alleged forged cheques was continued at the Supreme Court before Sir Henry Gollan and a special jury of six, the Chief Justice intimating that he had received a letter stating that Mr. S. M. Churn, one of the jurors, was suffering from tonsillitis and might be absent for some days.

His Lordship pointed out that the Ordinance made provision for an incident of this kind and ordered the case to proceed with the remaining jurors.

Mr. Jenkin continued his cross-examination of the Colonial Treasurer, quoting from the letters sent by both the Treasury and the Bank in connexion with the disputed cheques when the discovery was made.

Mr. Jenkin—I want if I can to square these two letters with your attitude as known to the Bank and your attitude generally in regard to the whole occurrence. You told us yesterday that until this case took place the relations between you and the Bank were of the most friendly terms?—Yes.

You had known Mr. Grayburn well for a number of years?—Yes. You also knew Mr. Hogarty quite well?—I can't say quite well. I have met him a number of times.

Friendly Before This Case.

And your dealings with both these gentlemen have been perfectly friendly?—Excluding this case, yes.

If Mr. Grayburn had understood from you quite clearly that your view was that these cheques were forged, can you account for his writing a letter in the terms he did, if he clearly understood from you what your position was?—Certainly. To put the matter in writing.

It is not quite the letter you would have expected to be written if you were always friendly?—I see nothing wrong in it.

Do you suggest that your letter is the kind of open, frank letter which would have been written by you if you had made it clear to the Bank officials that these cheques were forgeries?—We have a rule that if there is a possibility of law action, we refer the matter to law officers of the Crown. I should be guided by their advice.

Pressed on the point, Mr. Messer said it was problematic whether he would have written a similar letter himself.

Guided by Law Officers.

Mr. Jenkin—It would have been an easy matter to have said that the difference in the balance of the account was accounted for, as we have informed you, by cheques which bear forged signatures?—Our custom is to be guided by the law officers of the Crown.

You say, then, that as the letter was drafted by a law officer, you left it at that?—I left it at that.

I suggest that there is no trap in the Bank letter?—I never suggested that the Bank letter was a trap.

I suggest to you that those letters may be accounted for on some such lines as these—that on the day of writing their letter the Bank thought that although the cheques were questioned, they were not questioned as forged cheques?—I cannot answer for what the Bank thought.

And that the Bank thought, when Mr. Black returned to the Treasury, there was no question as to the signatures, but some question as to the possibility of something having happened in the Treasury?—I cannot say what the Bank thought.

If they held that opinion, that is exactly the kind of letter they might write to the Treasury?—A letter you might expect under any circumstances.

Your letter, I say, might accord with these facts—that in the (Continued on Page 8.)

"KAUSING" NOT A SUCCESS.

CONVERSION TO MOTOR
POWER TOO COSTLY.

SUGGESTION TO SELL.

There is to be laid on the table at the Legislative Council tomorrow afternoon a session, paper giving the Harbour Master's reply to the recent question asked by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock on the feasibility of substituting motor-engines for the present engines of the rescue tug "Kausing."

After reviewing the conditions and circumstances under which the "Kausing" was built, the Harbour Master says it has now been found from practical experience of the tug that:

(a) owing to having only a single screw she is practically unmanageable in typhoon weather when attempting to manoeuvre alongside a ship.

(b) from cold boilers it takes 12 hours to raise steam and that even with fires banked in one boiler it is not considered safe to send her outside Harbour Limits until such time as steam has been raised in the second boiler.

The question of converting the "Kausing" to motor engines has been carefully gone into and I forward herewith a memorandum by the Government Marine Surveyor on the subject. (This memorandum sets forth details of alterations and cost.)

As all the machinery in the "Kausing" is of present steam driven it necessarily follows that if the present boilers and engines are removed to make way for motor engines (gasoline, steering engine etc.) must be removed also, and electrical machinery fitted in lieu thereof together with a large dynamo to supply the necessary power. The estimated market value of the present machinery is about \$25,000 and the estimated cost of the alterations \$380,000 leaving a debit balance of \$355,000.

As this tug, fitted with only a single screw, is very difficult to manage in typhoon weather and cannot be considered a success for the purpose for which she was provided, and as the building cost in the first instance was only \$250,000, I am unable to recommend a further expenditure of \$355,000 on her, for which sum the sole gain would be that of being able to get under weigh at quarter of an hour's notice.

The only procedure that I could recommend would be the selling of the "Kausing" complete as she stands at present and the building of a new tug with twin screws.

POLICE OFFICER'S MURDER.

FOUR ARRESTS MADE IN
LAHORE.

Laure, Apr. 30.

Sukhinder and three others have been arrested in connexion with the discovery of a bomb factory and have been remanded on a charge of murdering the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. Saunders, and also Head Constable Chaman Singh in December last.—*Reuter.*

LORD MAYOR'S FUND FOR MINERS.

CLOSES WITH A TOTAL OF
£843,000.

London, Apr. 30.

The Lord Mayor's Fund for the Distressed Miners closed today, in accordance with previous announcement, the total publicly subscribed amounting to £843,000. To this figure, the Government grant of a similar amount has to be added.—*Reuter.*

TWO NEW FRENCH CRUISERS.

TO TOUR EAST LATE THIS
SUMMER.

Paris, Apr. 30.

The Duquesne and the Tourville, two new 10,000-ton French cruisers, are to tour the Far East late this summer. The Duquesne will also visit New Zealand, Australia and Singapore.—*Reuter.*

SOCIAL PROBLEM IN MALAYA.

SEX DISPROPORTIONS
TO BLAME.

AN INTERESTING DEBATE ON
COLONIAL POLICY.

DEVELOPMENT FUND.

London, Apr. 30.

Social problems in the Straits Settlements were much to the fore during the discussion on the Colonial Office Estimates in the House of Commons today, when the Government was criticised for its inactivity as regards the evil. It was pleaded that the large influx of Chinese was responsible for the situation.

The Estimates were introduced by Lieut.-Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, who emphasised that they had been witnessed in the past five years, in the regime of the present Government, a remarkable all-round economic development of the British Colonies.

Trade Increases.

He said that the trade of Ceylon, Malaya and that group had risen during the period 1924-28 from £153,000,000 annually to £247,000,000, a substantial proportion of which was with the United Kingdom.

Referring to the difficulties of the rubber industry, and the ending of the restriction scheme, Lieut.-Col. Amery said that while the situation, from the point of view of the rubber-grower was still difficult and anxious, the gloomy predictions made when the restrictions were ended had not been fulfilled. There was no swamping of the market in November with repositories of rubber held back.

On the contrary, the price rose, and while it was still under a shilling, the price represented more than it would have represented under the Stevenson Scheme, because it represented rubber produced under more favourable conditions from the viewpoint of overhead charges.

Development Fund.

He said that the general expansion of Colonial trade demanded improved transport facilities, and added that the local governments would be aided financially from the Colonial Development Fund recently foreshadowed by Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

Referring to the development of education, the Dominions Secretary said he trusted that the Raffles University College at Singapore would shortly attain full University status.

Colonial Service.

An interesting announcement was made to the effect that the Dominions Secretary had appointed a Committee, including Sir Warren Fisher, the head of the Civil Service, as chairman, Sir Hesketh Bell, Sir Samuel Wilson, Sir Amos Palmer, Mr. John Buchan, M.P., Mr. John Palmer, Sir Robert Hamilton, Mr. Melkic John, Dr. Cyril Norwood, Headmaster of Harrow, and others, with wide terms of reference, to consider the existing system of appointment to the Colonial Office and to public service in Dependencies not possessing responsible government, the ambition being to make service in the Colonial Office interchangeable with service outside.

A good many criticisms were ventured by the Opposition with regard to the policy of the Colonial Office, and Captain W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, the Under-Secretary, replied.

Straits Social Evil.

He said that Lieut.-Col. Amery had sent the Balfour-Burleigh Report regarding venereal disease and other questions affecting the Straits Settlements to the Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, with a blessing. They had been endeavouring for some time to find a woman suitable for the duties suggested by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

It was important to note, however, that the Chinese population had increased tremendously, particularly in the city of Singapore. In the last three years it had been (Continued on Page 8.)

BRITISH "TALKIE" INJUNCTION.

GERMANS ALLEGE PATENT
INFRINGEMENTS.

PURCHASED IN U.S.A.

London, Apr. 30.

An important action which may temporarily affect the exhibition of "talkie" films all over Great Britain was commenced in the Chancery Division, London, today, before Mr. Justice Romer.

A motion was submitted to the Court on behalf of the German corporation known as "Engl" seeking to restrain the Hyde Park Cinemas, Limited, from using talking film apparatus, which is alleged to be an infringement of the Engl patents.

Counsel for the applicants informed Mr. Justice Romer that the Hyde Cinemas were not alone involved. Hundreds of cinemas in Britain, he said, are now being equipped with similar apparatus, which it is understood, has been manufactured in the United States. The matter, therefore, was urgent.

The hearing of the case was eventually adjourned until May 13rd, counsel for the defence stating that he was not quite ready to proceed.

It is noteworthy that an agreement was recently signed between the British Instructional Films organisation and a powerful group undertaking the development of British talking pictures in combination with important Continental interests, of which the Engl Corporation are members.—*Reuter.*

ABERDEEN WATER SCHEME.

COUNCIL TO BE ASKED TO
APPROVE PROJECT.

SUPPLIES SHRINKING.

The Legislative Council will tomorrow be asked to approve of the Aberdeen water scheme, and a resolution in the following terms will be proposed by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:

"That this Council approves the carrying out of the Aberdeen Water Scheme set out in S. P. No. 10 of 1927, at an estimated cost of \$2,702,000 and the expenditure of a sum of \$555,000 during the current financial year, the cost to be met by a future loan and meanwhile to be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the funds of the Colony."

Latest figures to hand regarding the Colony's water supply show further reductions in the contents of reservoirs.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday, 29th April, amounted to 327.26 million gallons showing a decrease of 35.12 million gallons during the week.

The week's consumption amounted to 37.59 million gallons and includes 2.10 million gallons brought across the harbour from Kowloon to the tanks on the water front, and 1.43 million gallons from the Taikeo reservoirs.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday, 29th April, amounted to 117.44 million gallons showing a decrease of 10.37 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption, including supplies to water boats and Hongkong, totals 29.88 million gallons. Fully an inch of rain was recorded in the Shing Mun Valley over the week-end and the yield of the stream for the week was approximately 10 million gallons.

GENERAL HOLIDAY IN CHINA.

GOVERNMENT'S MAY DAY
MENDATE.

Nanking, Apr. 30.

The Government has issued a mandate proclaiming a General Holiday tomorrow (May Day) which is Labour Day.

It is understood that the majority of Chinese employees including postal workers, Government employees, and mill-hands will take the day off.—*Reuter.*

FIRE DISASTER SEQUEL.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS
IN COUNCIL.

NEED OF FIRE ESCAPES IN
OFFICE BLOCKS.

HOTEL ALARMS URGED.

There will be an echo of the King Edward Hotel fire disaster at tomorrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, when questions will be asked on various points arising therefrom by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Mr. Braga's questions dealing with the Fire Brigade equipment, suggest an inspection of all large buildings and offices, urge new legislation, and suggest that hotels be compelled to instal mechanical fire alarms.

The questions to be asked by Mr. Braga are in the following terms:

(a) Without implying any reflection on the personnel of the efficient and hard-working staff of the Fire Brigade, is the Government satisfied with the up-to-dateness and completeness of the appliances and equipment for life-saving in the event of another outbreak of fire like that of the King Edward Hotel in the small hours of the 11th March?

(b) Are the rescue-ladders of a sufficient height to reach the top floor of the tallest building in the Colony when any inmates are entrapped therein in the case of a fire?

(c) If not, will the Government take immediate steps to provide the Fire Department with a sufficiency of all appliances (including jumping-sheets) necessary so as to avert the recurrence of a disaster and to minimize, as far as practicable, the loss of lives such as happened in the King Edward Hotel fire?

Building Inspection.

(d) Will the Government cause an immediate inspection to be made of all the large buildings and offices in the Colony—e.g., China Building, Queen's, King's, Prince's, Alexandra, and similar buildings—to ascertain if—

(i) fire exits are provided on every floor therein;
(ii) there are indicators showing the way to the exits and lighted in red by night, in the same manner as is done in theatres;
(iii) that the passages along these exits are made accessible and kept free from obstructions at all times?

Fire Escapes.

(e) If no powers exist to compel the enforcement of the requirements stated in clauses (c), (ii) and (iii) of the foregoing question, will the Government frame and introduce early legislation with a view—

to amend the Building Ordinance so as to invest the Building Authority with statutory powers enabling him to call upon the owners of buildings of the type mentioned in Question (d) to make adequate and ample provision for fire-escapes in such buildings, and to permit of their regular inspection by officers appointed by the Government;

to require that the main staircase of buildings designed for use as hostels and groups of offices shall be built of fire-proof material?

(f) Will the Government consider the advisability of compelling holders of Hotel Licences to fulfil the requirements set out in Question (d) and to instal automatic electric fire-alarms, or other mechanical contrivances for effectively raising alarms upon an outbreak of fire, in their premises?

Previous Report.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton, will ask the following questions:

1. What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the report of the Committee appointed to consider suggestions for the improvement of the fire-fighting organisation of the Colony, which was laid on the table of the Legislative Council on the 27th May, 1927?
2. If steps have already been taken, what further steps does the Government propose to take?

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WEDDING BELLS.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A very pretty wedding, in which considerable interest was taken, was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Miss Margaret Ada Kent, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kent, became the bride of Lieut. Kenneth Wyn Maurice-Jones, D.S.O., R.A., son of the Rev. Canon Maurice-Jones, D.D., and Mrs. Maurice-Jones, St. David's College, Lampeter, Cardiganshire, Wales.

The ceremony, which was attended by a large number of friends of the parties, was conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Swann.

The bride looked charming in a picturesque bouffant gown of fine Honiton lace over parchment satin, on which was arranged a garland of dainty velvet buds in pastel shades, which effected a delicate contrast to the beautiful creation. The gown, which fell in stately folds to her ankles, was devoid of any trimming save for a large satin bow falling from the waistline at the back. She wore a lovely tulle veil, edged with lover's knots, surmounted by a chaplet of orange blossoms and white heather. A rope of seed pearls and a sheaf of arum lilies and maiden hair fern completed a striking model. She was given away by her father, Mr. Walter Kent, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

The bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Hynes, Miss Molly George, Miss Marian Vincent and Miss Pat Chevallier. They were dressed in bouffant gowns of preverche blue, pale gold, mauve and peach taffeta. The skirts were finished with tulle, which touched the tips of their dainty taffeta slippers. The only trimming was a taffeta bow which fell from the neckline to the ground at the back. On their hair were bandeaux of tulle edged with tiny taffeta buds, and they carried flowers to blend. Two of the bridesmaids carried sheaves of pale and bluish pink gladioli and gold gladioli and the smaller bridesmaids Victorian posies of pink African daisies and mauve larkspur.

The bride's mother was attired in a beige georgette gown over satin, with a large black picture hat and shoes and stockings to tone in beige.

The "best man" was Lieut. E. H. Walters, R.A.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a largely-attended reception was held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, where the happy couple were the recipients of the congratulations of their many friends. The usual toasts were honoured.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay and Manila. The bride's going away dress was a striking sleeveless New York model of coral pink georgette, embroidered with cornflower blue and gold-silk under a coat of the same material, the edge of which was finished with dainty jabots and fastened at the waist with a blue pearl buckle. The ensemble was completed by pearl beige shoes and stockings and a black picture hat trimmed with large flowers to tone.

WAR ON SZECHUAN.

CHIANG ORDERS AN ATTACK TO BE MADE.

Hankow, Apr. 30.

Chiang Kai-shek has ordered Chang Fat-kwei and Hsi Tao-yin, together with the reorganised Hupehites, all of whom are at present in West Hupeh, to commence operations against Yang Sen and other independent Szechuan Generals, so as to bring Szechuan completely under the dominance of the Government.

Liu Hsiang has already signified his allegiance to Nanking, and it is understood he will assist the Government troops to root out the lesser Szechuanites. — Reuter.

SMALL-POX IN U.S.

ALARM CAUSED BY EPIDEMIC IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Middleboro, Mass., Apr. 30.

The local health officials are alarmed by an epidemic of small-pox.

Hitherto there are a hundred cases reported. There is no suggestion of the epidemic being due to any European contact. — Reuter's American Service.

London Increase.

London, Apr. 30.

There are now 291 small-pox cases in London. — Reuter.

[This shows a decided increase. The figures given on April 26 were 245.]

ALLEGED ROBBERY.

TWO MEN FACE CHARGES AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

An armed robbery committed last month had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when two Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith on charges of participation in the affair.

Detective Inspector Fallon conducted the case for the Crown and in detailing the facts of the case to his Worship said that the second floor of No. 60, Laichikok Road, where the defendants were alleged to have committed the robbery, with three others, was occupied by a Chinese doctor and his family.

On March 18, a woman in answer to a notice posted at the foot of the stairs leading to the house, applied to the doctor to rent a cubicle which was vacant. Negotiations having been concluded the woman went into occupation on March 20. Some days later she was joined by a man whom she introduced as her husband.

There was nothing out of the ordinary until March 26, when the woman went out, saying that she was going to the theatre, and failed to return for the night. The husband, however, had remained on the floor and had slept in the cubicle.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the following morning someone knocked at the door and a voice was heard to enquire for Sin Wah, the new tenant. The door was opened and a man, who according to the witnesses, was the first defendant, entered the floor. He went into the hired cubicle and was engaged in conversation with Sin Wah for nearly an hour when another knock was heard.

There was the same request for Sin Wah and on the door being opened three other men were admitted. These, the tenant told the other occupants of the floor, were his friends. The entire party then went into the cubicle but were not there for more than five minutes when they emerged and produced two revolvers and two daggers with which they proceeded to hold up the inmates of the floor.

Evidence would be given that the first defendant was armed with a dagger and actually stabbed the doctor during a struggle which ensued. Meeting with opposition from the doctor the men abandoned their attempt and ran away. They were chased by two boys but managed to escape.

In April certain information was received by the Police and the first defendant was arrested in Yu Chau Street, Shamshui, while the second defendant was arrested in Kramers Street, Tai-kotsui. They were both put up for identification but only one witness recognised the first defendant while two identified the second.

Evidence was then taken and the case was adjourned.

SEAMAN'S DEATH.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

A distressing accident occurred at the Royal Naval Canton, Wanchai, early yesterday morning when Able Seaman T. M. Millard of H.M.S. Marazion who was occupying a room in the building for the night, fell into the street and was killed.

The remains were removed to the Naval Mortuary and yesterday accorded a funeral with full honours. The Rev. H. W. Arscott, of H.M.S. Titania officiated.

The coffin, which was draped in a Union Jack, was borne on a gun carriage drawn by ratings from H.M.S. Titania and Submarines, while preceding the carriage were the Royal Marines Band and a firing party from H.M.S. Cornwall.

Immediately behind were ratings from H.M.S. Marazion and former comrades of the late A. B. Millard.

Among the officers present were Comdr. S. Four and Comdr. Stanley of H.M.S. Marazion.

Wreaths were sent by Ship's Company, Captain and Officers, No. 1 Mess, No. 2 Mess, His Messmates, and Kwong Wo and Canton Staff, of H.M.S. Marazion; Ship's Company, H.M.S. Titania; Ward Room Officers, H.M.S. Titania and Fourth Submarine Flotilla; Ship's Company, H.M.S. Sepoy; and Comdr. A. Lockhart.

SANITARY BOARD.

DR. S. C. HO'S TERM EXPIRING SHORTLY.

During the absence of Mr. W. J. Carrie, who is on sick leave, Mr. N. L. Smith has been appointed Head of the Sanitary Department and in that capacity he yesterday presided over the fortnightly meeting of the Board. Others present were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. H. A. Fawcett, Dr. S. C. Ho, Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin and T. N. Chau.

In mentioning the minute by the President relative to the appointment of Mr. T. N. Chau, Dr. S. C. Ho and Dr. W. V. M. Koch to be members of the respective Standing Committees, the Chairman said that he understood Dr. Ho had announced his intention of not standing for re-election to the Sanitary Board when his term expired in a few weeks' time. The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Ho would remain a member until his term expired and the vacancy would be considered in due course.

Referring to the plan for the proposed market at Kowloon Tong, the Chairman intimated that he had not seen the papers and thought that there would be no harm if the question was deferred for a fortnight. He did not feel like going into the papers as he was only acting temporarily.

Hon. Mr. Braga agreed to the procedure suggested and the question was adjourned till the next meeting.

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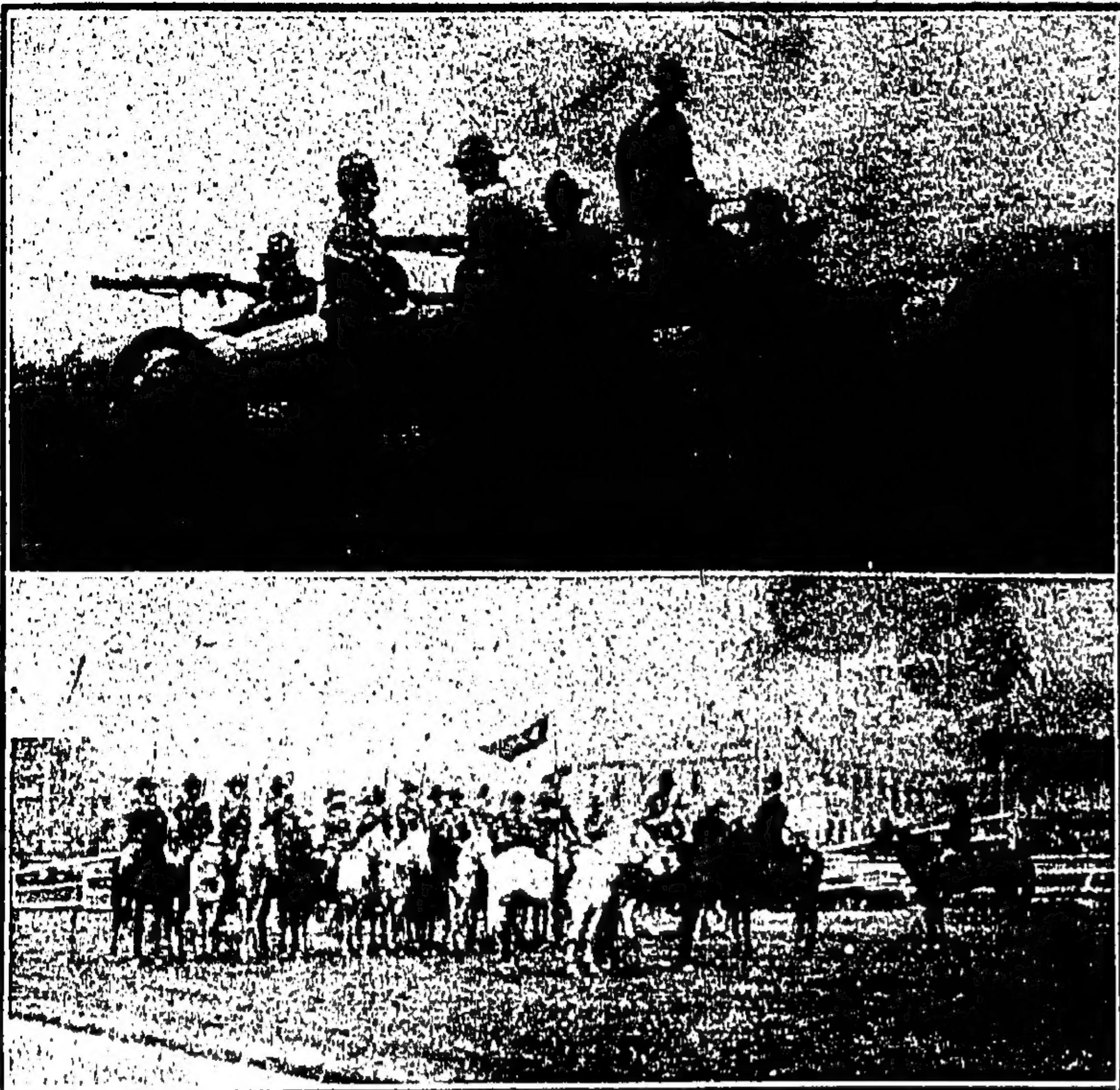
YIP-YIP, GUZZ! I SOLD EVERY PAIR OF THAT RATT OF WOMEN'S HOSIERY 'YA PILED UP ON TH' COUNTER!

WHAT? WHY THAT'S TH' STUFF I WAS GONNA SEND BACK TO TH' FACTORY!

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WHADDA 'YA MEAN, 'SLEIGHRIDE?

WHY, EVERY PAIR HAD RUNNERS ON 'EM!



At the dress rehearsal of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps held at the Race Course in preparation for Saturday's annual inspection. One of the new features was the presence of a unit of Lewis Gunners attached to the American Troops. The above photograph shows two of the cars with Lewis guns mounted and two of the sections in charge. The picture below shows the American Troops with swords at the "Present" preparatory to moving off to the parade ground.



Photos taken during salvage operations in Scapa Flow, where the British Government is now endeavouring to raise the German battleship "Kaiser." The top picture was actually taken under the water; at the bottom, the bows of the ship are seen lifting.



Mr. Francis Zeng, who has just returned to Shanghai from studying the violin in Paris, was married recently to Miss Marie Tehang. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church Shanghai.



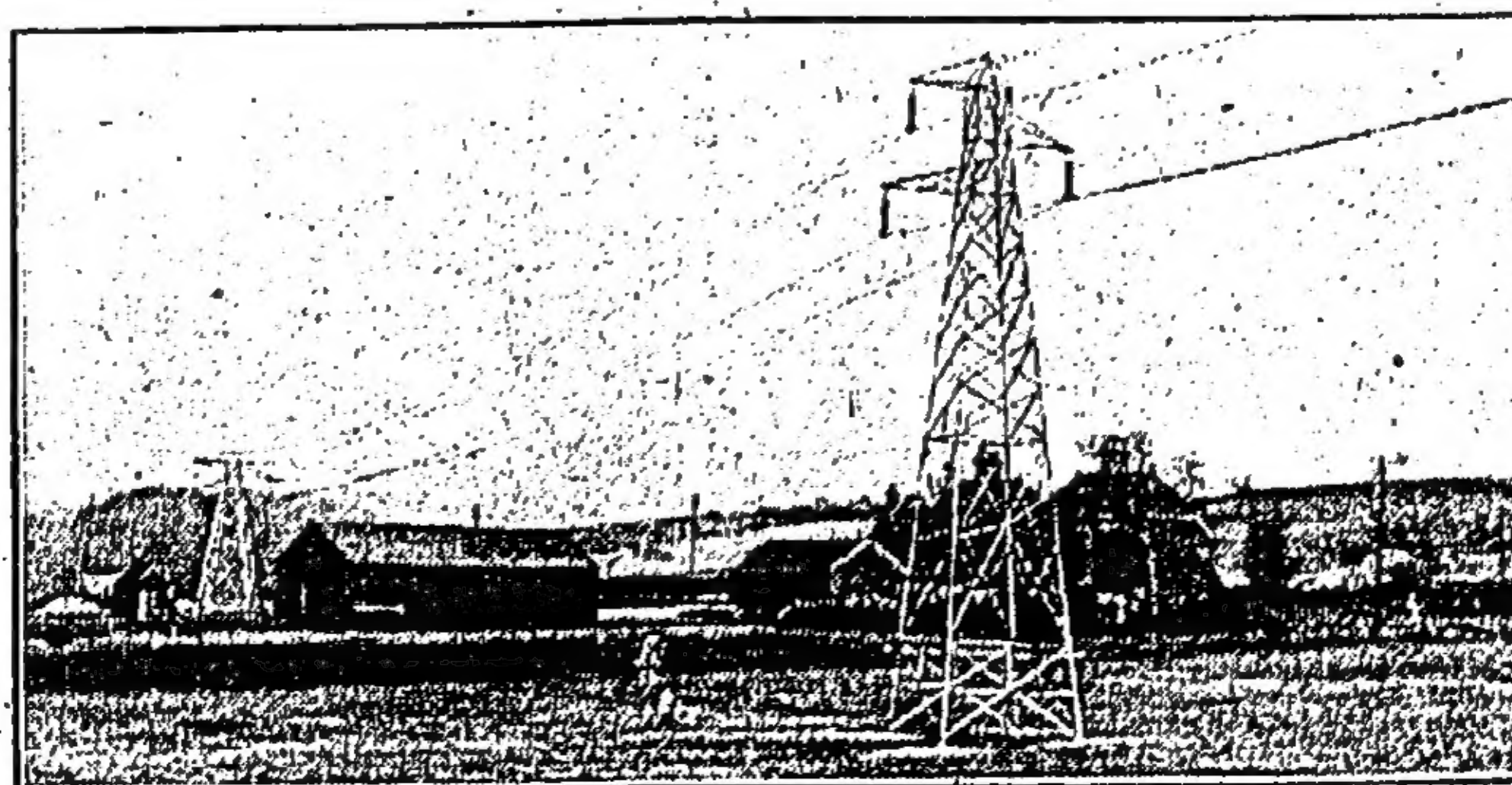
Bebo Daniels and her airman fiancé, Mr. Ben Lyon, shown arriving at Los Angeles. Bebo will do part of the piloting when the two take their aerial honeymoon in June.



Our photo is unusual in that it shows Mustafa Kemal Pasha, President of the Turkish Republic, enjoying a dance with his niece, Nefise Hanım. The occasion was a ball at Vienna, celebrating her marriage to the Secretary to the Turkish Embassy.

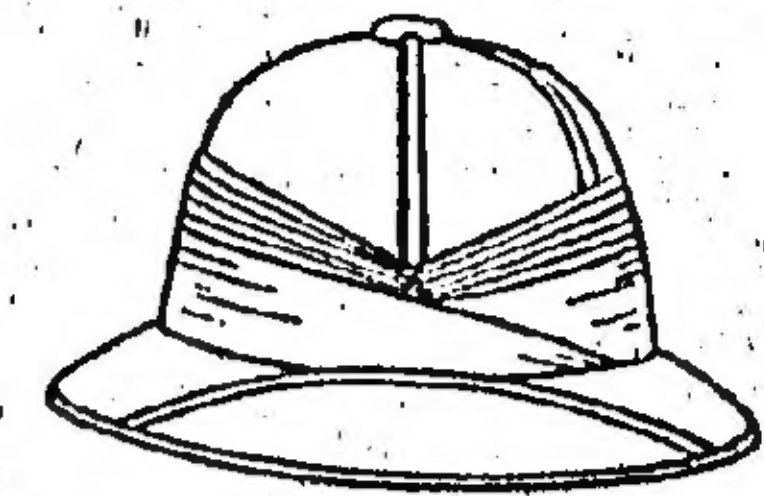


Mr. Quo Tai-ehi, future Minister to Italy, and chief Chinese delegate at Geneva, and Mr. Foo Tin-chang, Minister to Belgium, were the guests of honour at a recent Shanghai banquet, pictured above.



The first part of the grid line which will eventually cover South-East England under the electric power scheme has been completed. A view of the cables and their supporting steel towers on the ten-mile section between Bedford and Little Barford. The Towers were designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, R. A. (Times copyright).

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NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in our Hongkong business as from 1st January, 1929.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Accountants. Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on Friday, 17th May, 1929, at 6.10 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1929.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

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Hongkong, 29th April, 1929.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Boundary Measurements	Locality	Area	Approximate Value
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CANTON CONSULATES.

CHANGES AFFECT GERMANY AND PORTUGAL.

Canton, Apr. 30. Two further changes will be made in the Consular Body in Canton during the course of next week.

Senhor M. J. M. Fernandes Costa, who has been Consul-General for Portugal in Canton for the past two years, is being transferred to Macao, where he will take up the duties of Colonial Secretary and Registrar concurrently.

Senhor Joaquim de Barros Ferreira da Silva will be replacing Senhor Fernandes Costa. Senhor da Silva will be arriving from New York, where he has been at the Portuguese Consulate-General for some time, on the s.s. President van Buren, on Saturday next in Hongkong; probably arriving in Canton some time during the course of next week.

Dr. Wagner for Canton.

Dr. Crull, Consul-General for Germany in Canton, who left here for home leave early this year, will not be returning to Canton.

Dr. Wagner, who was recently German Consul-General in Hongkong, and was transferred a short time ago to Nanking, has again been transferred and he is expected in Canton next week to take up the duties of Consul-General.

Since the departure of Dr. Crull on home leave, Mr. Sakowaki, Vice-Consul for Germany, has been acting as Consul-General—Our Own Correspondent.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture

comprising:—
Cabinets, Tables, Chairs, Stools, Marble Top Jardinieres, Tea Poy, Sideboard, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, etc., etc.

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Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

Catalogues will be issued.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY, the 3rd May, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 324, Kowloon Tong.

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comprising:—

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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P. and O. \$91 n.
East Asia \$901 n.

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H. K. Steamboats, \$261 b.
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Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$21 b.
Kallans, 66/3 n.
Langkats, Tls. 14 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.90 s.
Raubs, \$6.65 b.
Tronchs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$122 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$36 s.
China Providents \$435 b.
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Shanghai Docks, Tls. 127 n.

Cottons.

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S'hai Cottons, Tls. 72 (old) s.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$3.60 b.
H. K. Lands, \$611 n.
S'hai Lands Tls. 143 n.
Humphreys, \$14.35 b.
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Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.55 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$121 b.
Star Ferries, \$67 s.
China Lights, (old) \$13.40 b.
H. K. Electric, \$56.25 s.
Macao Electric, \$261 n.
Telephones \$7.05 b.
China Buses, Tls. 14 b.
Singapore Tractors, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.00 s.
Malabons, \$27 b.
Canton Ice, \$1.50 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$8.69 s.
Ropes (Old) \$7.80 n.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$191 s.
Watsons, \$13.20 n.
Dor A. Wings, \$0 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$21 s.
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Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$301 b.
Constructions, \$1.25 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 66 3/4
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NO WAR CREDITS.

SOCIALISTS WHO REPUDIATE I.L.P. RESOLUTION.

London, Apr. 6. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in his weekly article in "Forward" (an I.L.P. organ) ignores the decisions of the I.L.P. conference. The paper itself, however, severely criticises the resolution of that conference instructing M.P.s supported by the I.L.P. to vote against all credits for the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

The editorial article points out that previously the I.L.P. has contented itself with putting a resolution on the Labour Party Conference agenda in favour of disarmament by example, and continues:

"But this year the decision in effect is not to wait upon an attempt at converting the Labour Party Conference; the I. L. P. Members of Parliament are to proceed to defy the Labour Party, and if necessary, vote a Labour Government out of office, cut themselves adrift from the Labour Party, and sacrifice any other possible chunks of Socialism in our time—to say nothing of the unemphatic and all because of an emergency resolution not on the agenda, and upon which the delegates had come with no instructions, and which they carried light-heartedly without considering its implications and consequences."

"If the I.L.P. is to cut itself adrift from the Labour Party, the decision will require to be taken by the branches, deliberately and after full discussion, and not by an implication of an emergency resolution."

Editorially, the official organ of the I.L.P. (the "New Leader") is silent on the subject of the new instruction to M.P.s.

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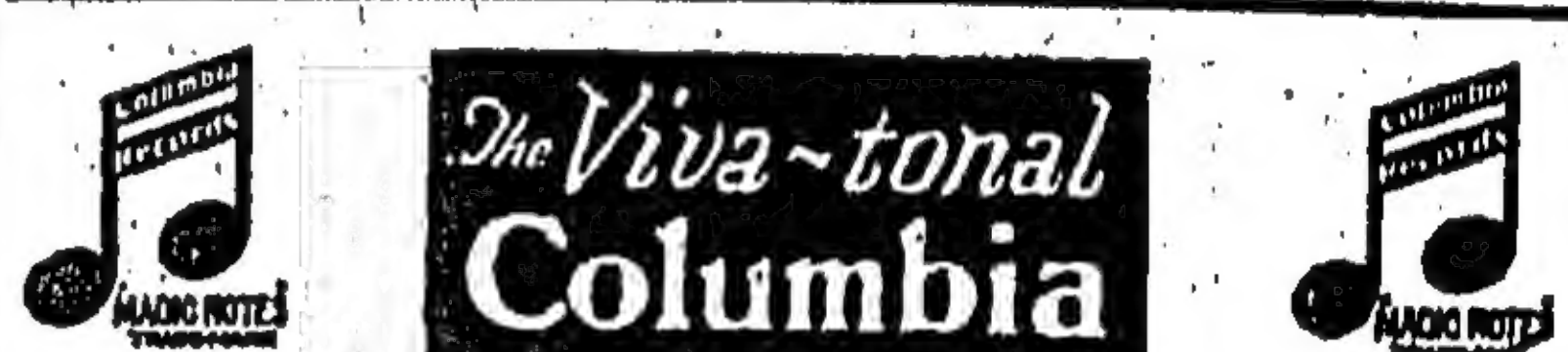
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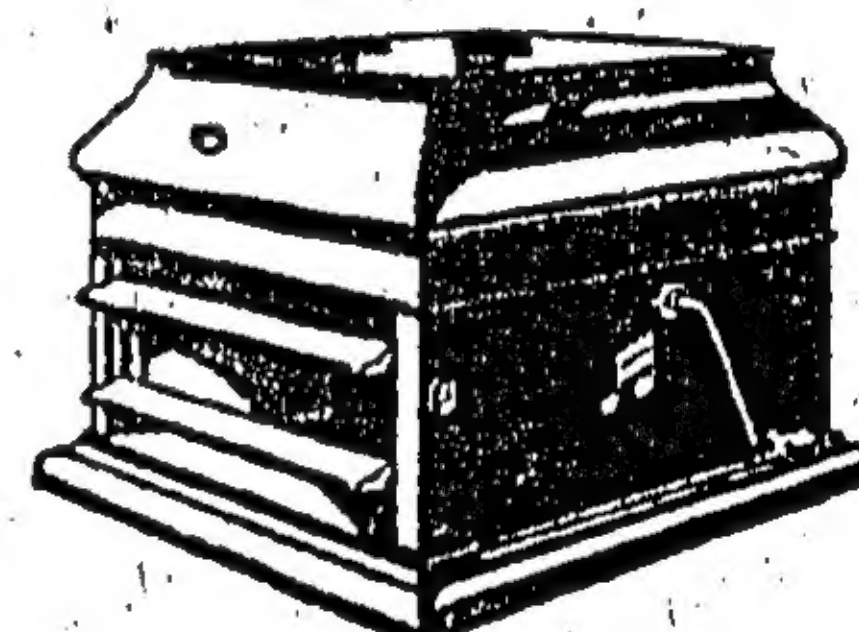
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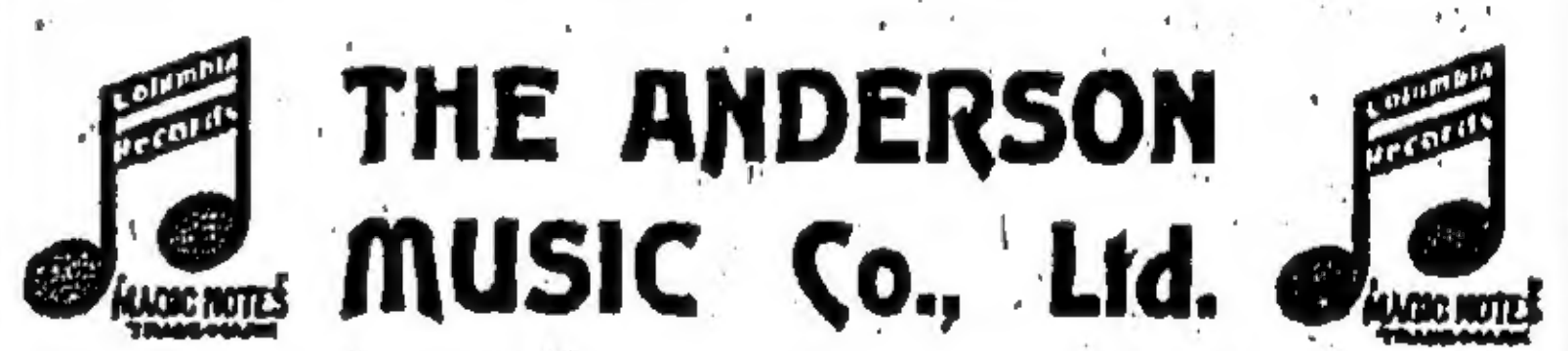


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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres Van Buren May 4.
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Manila	Pres Jackson May 6.
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Australia and Manila	Tanda May 6.
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It is a generally accepted custom that the bride's eldest unmarried sister should act as chief bridesmaid. In the absence of such a relative her dearest girl pal, or the bridegroom's sister stands in that important place. For the rest, the bride's choice is between girl relatives.

If she has a large retinue she may find that she has unwittingly caused some jealous feelings among cousins and special friends who are left out. It is a little difficult sometimes to make a distinction between their rival claims to the privilege of figuring among the bridesmaids. In such circumstances it is most tactful to confine the selection among nearest relations, even if it means curtailing the number desired. Four, or at the most six, maids should be sufficient to please any bride. A larger group is seen only at the smartest and most expensively-staged weddings.

Several recent society brides have set a passing mode by choosing only small children to form their bridal assembly, and nieces and nephews of the tenderest years have been carried into the church by their nurses, while other maids have had their tottering footsteps guided up the nave.

This lends, of course, a charming atmosphere of youth and innocence to the occasion, and a re-

Rather Amusing.

THE CRAZE FOR THE
REVERSIBLE.

The craze for the reversible was pushed to rather amusing lengths in an attractive two-piece of red and white printed and black maroon, shown by a French House at home recently. When the mannequin appeared one saw a short black coat worn over a frock of the printed maroon. On removing the coat she pulled it "inside out" to show the red and white side of the garment. The skirt draperies attached by the simple expedient of removing the belt and putting it on again "the other way up." Black maroon now made the charming folds which nearly covered the skirt of the frock.

Colour schemes are a first importance to the bride of to-day when planning her bridal group with her radiant self as the apex. But when choosing a uniform toilette for her bridesmaids she should make its equal becomingness and suitability to each one of the bevy her foremost consideration. The frock and hat, or veil and wreath, which make a vision of loveliness of one fair cousin may cruelly reveal the sallow

Green and Yellow.

PRINTED SILK
FROCKS.

Green and yellow is now much smarter than green and grey, and a touch of black looks charming. This will appear at the neck, cuffs, waist hem, or to edge the flounces of plain, printed silk frocks of lime-colour and yellow.

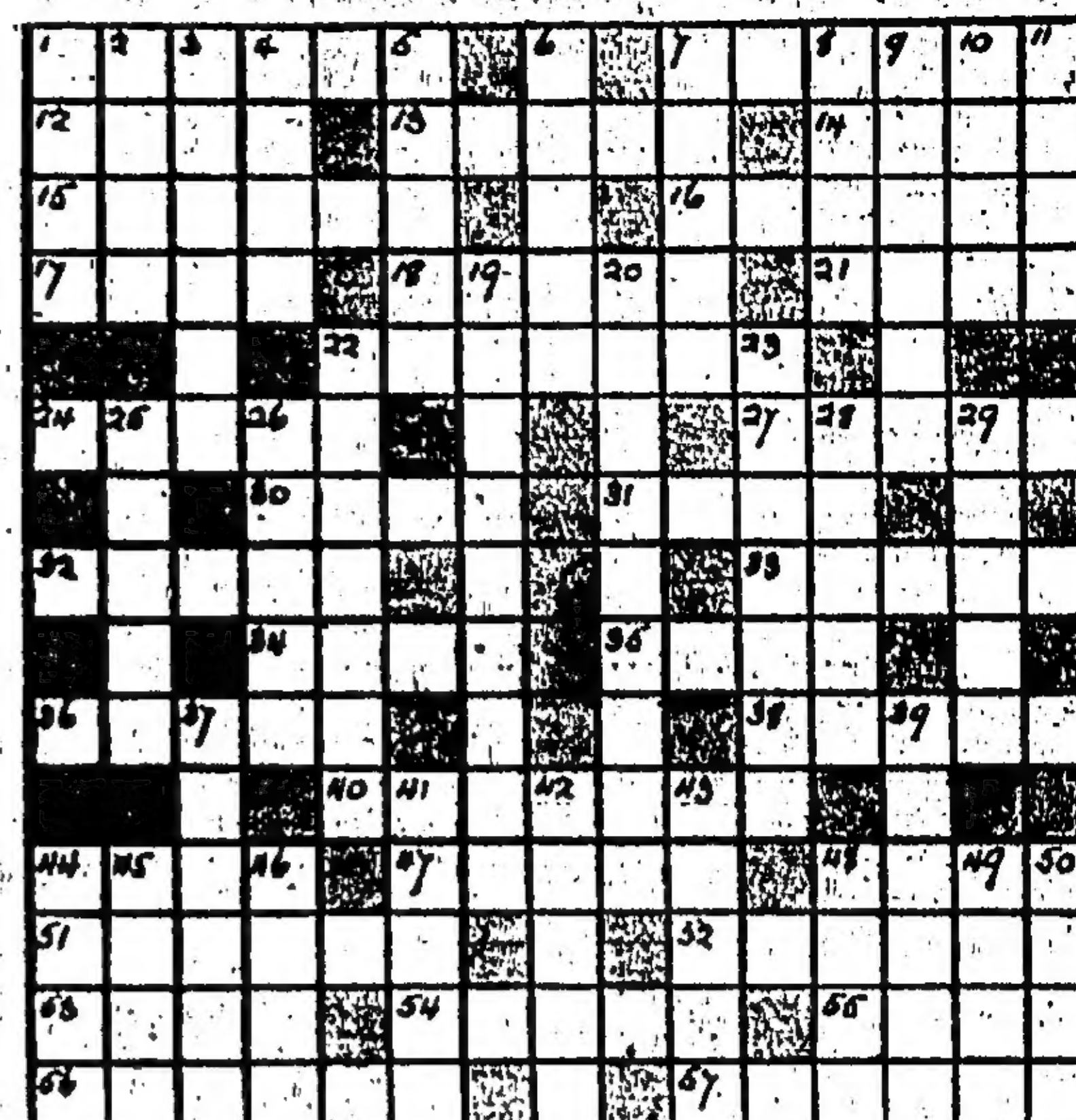
A pattern that has green crab-apples with black centres on a yellow ground makes a delightful black bordered frock, and a black straw and felt hat with narrow brim is needed for such a costume.

Pink and black is another good choice. A charming frock of this kind for evening wear is of chiffon, the flowers are cut separately and are applied on to the black chiffon, and the perfectly fitting bodice, cut into a point in front, has narrow shoulder straps of chiffon.

Belts are either worn very broad, or only the width of shoulder straps. The narrow ones, whether of leather with steel "stitches" in them, or of the same soft fabric as the dress, are sometimes fastened by a large head made of polished wood or composition, which is fastened to one end, and other is looped over.

Another point she should remember is that of expense. The girls may not all be in a position to afford the type of frock she would like them to have, unless it is practical enough for ordinary wear afterwards.

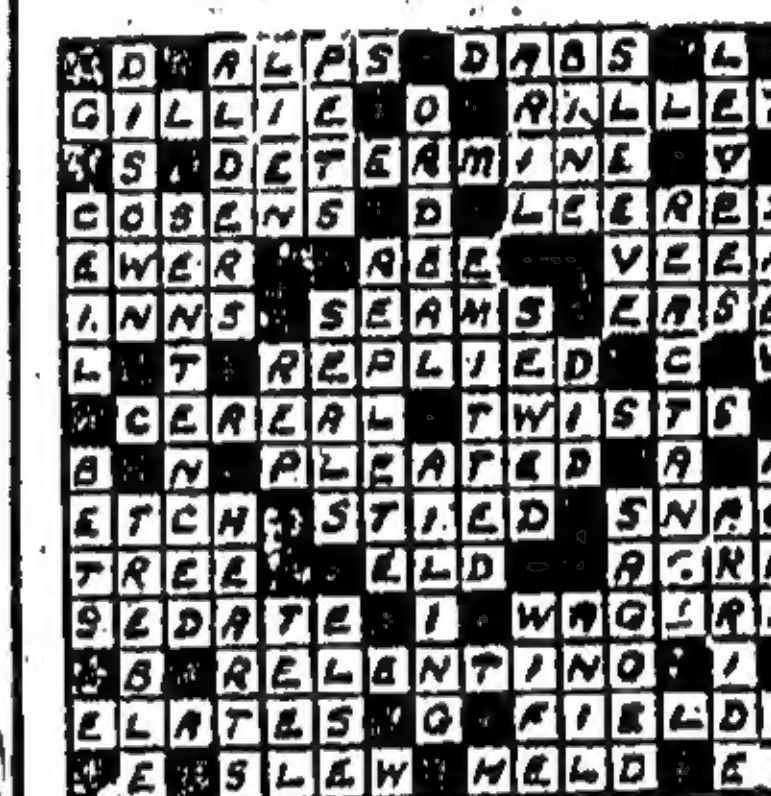
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34 Outlet.
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40 Cried loudly.
44 Whip.
47 Go into.
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56 Number.
57 Distribute abroad.

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9 Prickly shrubs.
10 Girth.
11 Trees.
12 Entire ruin.
20 Spread.
22 Mysteries.
23 Passed.
25 Small.
26 Separating instrument.
28 Good-bye.
29 Search.
37 Sheen.
39 Cotton cloth.
41 From this place.
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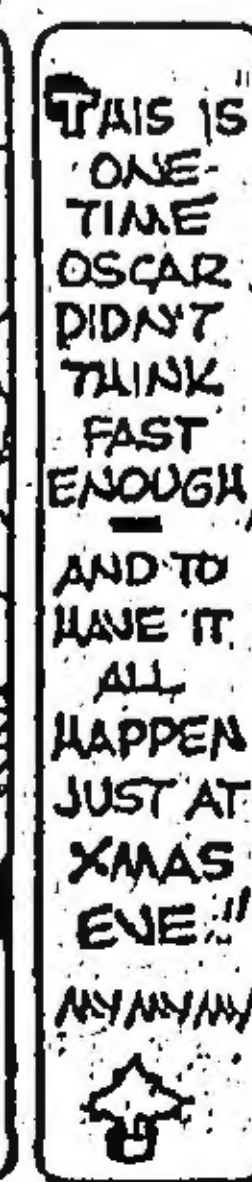
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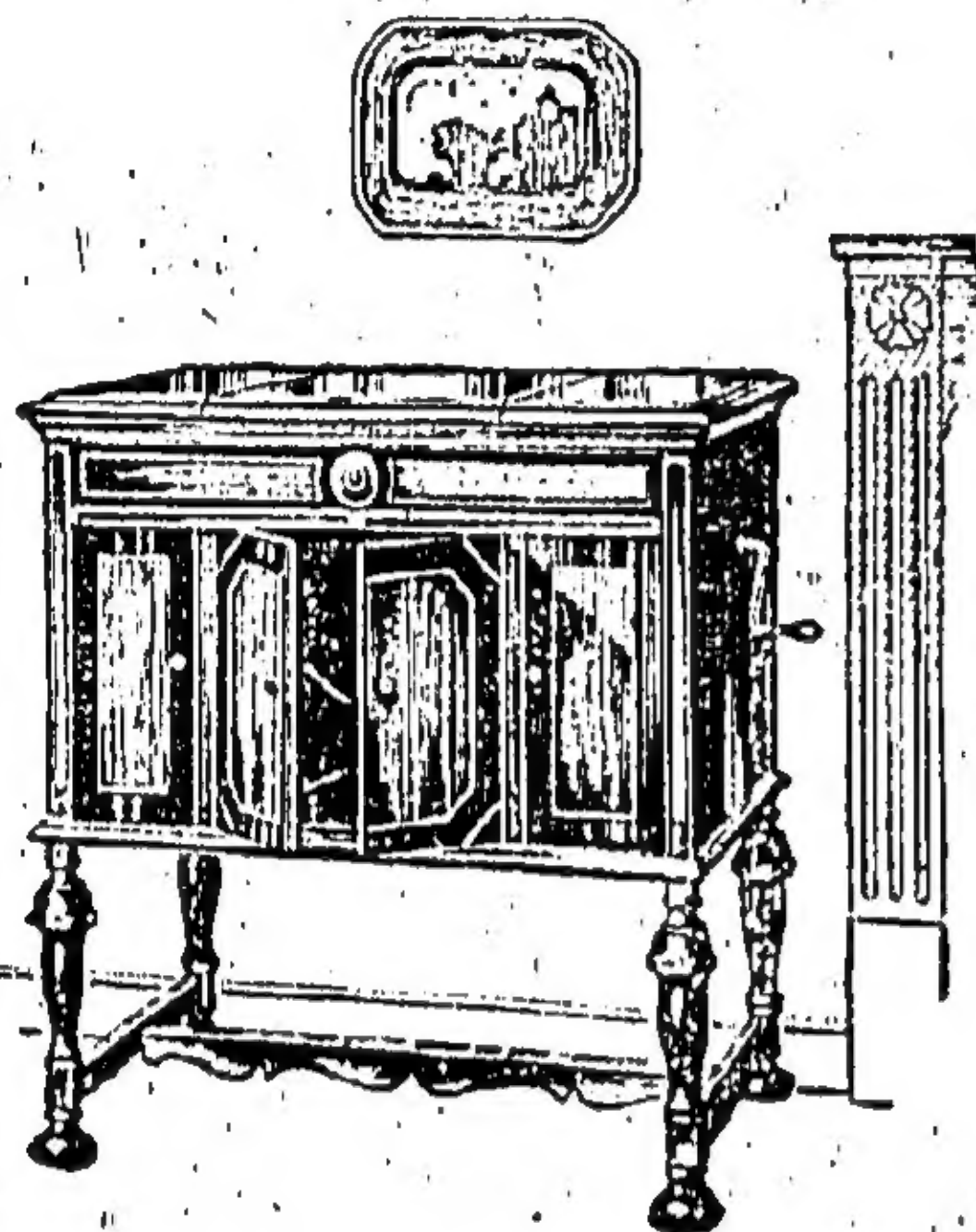
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OUR CRIMINALS.

"The welfare of criminals released from gaol either on completion or remission of sentence is one which might receive the attention of the general public in regard to suppression of crime in the Settlement." So runs the opening paragraph in one of the sections of the Shanghai Police Commissioner's report for the past month. The question raised is one which is equally deserving of consideration here in Hongkong. It is pointed out in the Shanghai report that many of the ex-convicts have no means of subsistence or any method of obtaining a livelihood on their release from prison, and they naturally resort to crime to live. The suggestion is therefore made that one of the many charitable institutions in the Settlement should take up the case of these unfortunate and establish what is known in European countries as a Prisoners' Aid Society, supported from the wealthy classes, with the object of assisting prisoners on their release by gifts of food, clothing or monetary assistance to enable them to exist until they find employment or to return to their homes. The establishment of an institution in which these men could be taught a trade to enable them to become respectable members of the community seems, says the Shanghai report, to offer scope for charitably-inclined persons, particularly Chinese. Not only would measures such as these be reformative in character, but an added advantage would be that the community would be rid of many undesirable characters and potential habitual criminals.

So far as we are aware, nothing whatever is done in Hongkong for criminals once they have completed their sentence. That many of them again resume their career of crime has often been demonstrated on their reappearance in Court or at the Sessions. It is true, of course, that some of them learn trades whilst undergoing their terms, but what is needed is some organisation to see that, when they come out, they are not merely thrown upon the community and have to chance their luck in getting a job or in returning to their native districts. It may be argued that many of these ex-convicts are not natives of Hongkong, and that the Colony cannot be expected to greatly concern itself about their future well-being. But that is rather a short-

sighted view, especially seeing that it is to our own advantage to prevent first offenders from becoming habitual criminals and therefore a menace to the Colony as long as they remain here. Moreover, there is the Hongkong-born prisoner also to be taken into account. In any event, no community can regard its responsibilities discharged merely by washing its hands of its criminals once their sentences have been served. There are admittedly very many hardened sinners for whom little hope of reform can be entertained, but there are very many others who would turn to an honest living if they were given the opportunity. We therefore suggest that this matter is one well deserving the consideration of Chinese institutions in this Colony.

Another urgent need is a reformatory where young offenders can be converted into useful citizens rather than to be sent to gaol and take on the character of criminals. In the 60's, there was a Roman Catholic Reformatory at West Point, whilst some thirty years ago the Hon. Mr. E. R. Bellillo erected another at Causeway Bay on a site provided by the Government. Neither of these institutions any longer exist, and we believe we are right in saying that the St. Lewis Industrial Home is the now only place of this character in the Colony. Excellent as is the work which this Home does, it is not an official reformatory to which magistrates can commit young offenders. On several occasions lately, the necessity of such an institution has been stressed from the Bench. In our view, this is a very vital and urgent matter, and we commend it to the Government as being in every way worthy of consideration.

The Next War?

The newest breach between Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek will probably prove far more difficult to heal than the affair of the Hupien encroachment, and there seems little further doubt that these powerful rivals are moving inevitably towards open hostility. Exactly what part pure jealousy has been playing it is difficult to estimate, but in the broad, there will be a certain amount of sympathy with Feng. In his attitude towards the disposition of troops in Shantung, in more than one sense, Feng seems to have been "double-crossed." Shantung was to have been his reward for the big push through the Fengtien lines last year which enabled the Nationalists to capture Peking and Chihli, and now when the last obstacle to occupation is being moved away, Chiang has manoeuvred to prevent the attainment of Feng's greatest wish, a clear route to the sea. Feng's reply has been an unexpected one, rather suggesting that he is not prepared for war at the present time. In taking umbrage, he has shown it not by defiance, but by withdrawing his entire force to the Honan border, which probably means that he is leaving the next move to Chiang Kai-shek. More significant of the high tension, however, is the recall at the same time of all Feng's leading "subordinates" in the capital and elsewhere. On one pretext or another, these officials are returning to Honan as rapidly as transport facilities will allow, giving added weight to the rumours of impending strife. Perhaps the clearest indication of the seriousness of the present situation, is the departure from Hankow of Hsueh Tu-phih, Feng's delegate to Chiang, ostensibly to report to the "Christian" General, but having more the appearance of a breaking off of further negotiations. Marshal Chiang is now bound for Nanking, and it is likely that his arrival will be the signal for things to move, though it would be presumptuous to suggest the direction.

It is advertised that the fifth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of China Underwriters, Ltd., will be held in the board room of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, on Thursday, May 9, at noon.

DAY BY DAY.

IF MAN REALLY WANTS LITTLE HERE BELOW, THE LESS HE WANTS THE LESS HE'LL GET.—*Peter Keary.*

The P. and O. s.s. Nagpore, from Shanghai, is due here at 4 a.m. on Saturday.

The P. and O. s.s. Perim, from Singapore, is due here on the 5th instant at 6 p.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at London on 29th April at 2 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlomond, from Home and Straits ports, is due here on May 6th.

The health return for yesterday shows one case each of small-pox, diphtheria and typhoid. All were Chinese.

Mr. Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in the firm of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will move the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the constitution of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Capsized by a sudden squall, a passenger-boat, No. 4041V, sank in the harbour yesterday morning as it was taking passengers ashore from the s.s. Cremer. Motor and steam launches in the vicinity effected a prompt rescue, and no lives were lost.

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte, Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to stealing several brass articles from the Standard Oil Company's installation at Lulehok. The defendant was arrested in the act of selling the articles to a marine hawk.

The Medical Officer's weekly return contains two cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one American imported and one Chinese), one of enteric fever (British) and one of diphtheria (Chinese). There was one death from cerebro-spinal fever and one from diphtheria. Yesterday's return showed one Chinese case of enteric fever. The small-pox figures are given elsewhere.

Among the passengers leaving on the President Pierce yesterday were Mr. Earl F. Buskey, pilot representative of the Mahoney-Ryan Aircraft Corporation, travelling to Shanghai; Mrs. W. K. Astrey, wife of Lt. Comdr. Astrey of the U.S.S. Tulsa, returning with her family to the United States; Mr. Graham Black, attached to the Civil Service in the F.M.S., returning home to England via Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crane Williams, travelling home to Europe via the U.S. (Mr. Crane Williams is a Director of the Austin Motor Co.); Mr. H. Arns, commercial representative, returning home to Europe via the U.S.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Apr. 30.
Paris	124.15 1/2
Brussels	34.94
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.46 1/2
Copenhagen	18.10
Vienna	34.55 1/2
Hamburg	10.8 1/2
Bucharest	8.18
Buenos Aires	47.5 1/2
Shanghai	2.75 1/2
Hongkong	1.11 1/2
New York	4.85 1/2
Geneva	25.10 1/2
Milan	92.02 1/2
Stockholm	18.10 1/2
Oslo	18.10
Prague	104
Madrid	33.08 1/2
Athens	97.0 1/2
Rio	1.62 1/2
Bombay	1.75 1/2
Yokohama	1.10 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	25.3 1/2

—British Wireless.

CIVIL SERVICE RECREATION.

NEED OF FACILITIES AT KOWLOON.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga will ask the following questions:

(a) Will the Director of Public Works inform the Council whether in the scheme of town planning for Kowloon any site, and where, has been earmarked for a recreation ground for the growing number of members of the Police Force stationed at Kowloon and of the subordinate staff in the service of the Government?

(b) If no such site has been marked out as yet, will the Government consider the advisability of forthwith making a suitable reservation of Crown land, both as regards area and location, for recreation purposes for the above-mentioned members of the Civil Service residing at Kowloon?

THE "AVIAN" LIGHT AEROPLANES.

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IN U. S. & CANADA.

Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, Manager of the Far East Aviation Company, which recently sold ten Avian light aeroplanes to the Canton Aviation Bureau and four to the aviation authorities in Amoy, writes to say that his firm has received the following information from Messrs. A. V. Roe and Co., Ltd., of Manchester:

"Avro Avian light aeroplanes fitted with Cirrus Mark III or Genet aero-engines are becoming so popular that they are now being manufactured in Canada and America. The licence for Canada is held by the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Company Ltd., who are concentrating on the latest model Avian which has a metal fuselage. Pending the completion of their plant the first twenty-five machines are being shipped from the Avro works in Manchester in a broken-down condition to be built up in Canada. Ten of these machines are for the Canadian Air Board. Two more will go direct to the Ottawa Flying Club.

"The Avian metal fuselage is built up entirely of round steel tubing with welded joints throughout. The engine mounting is separate, and is attached to the fuselage by bolts.

"The Whittelsey Body Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, are making preparations to build Avians for the United States, until their plant is completed, six Cirrus Avians are being shipped every week from the Avro works in Manchester."

BRIDGE MADE EASY by W.W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10).

Opening Blindly.—2.

When your partner has not bid and the contract has been won with a declaration of a suit, your problem of opening the play is much more difficult than if the bid were no trump. Then you should choose the suit to be opened in the following preferential manner:

PAR LEAD. The most desirable of all openings is the lead of a suit containing top honours in most perfect sequence as A K Q J, A K Q, A K J, A K 10, A K, A K X, K Q J, K Q 10. The King is led from all of these holdings excepting A K in which combination the Ace is led and followed by the King. This is information to your partner that you hold no more of that suit.

BIG DRIVER. Second in preference of opening suits is the lead of a suit headed by Q J, as Q J 10 9, Q J 10, Q J 9 X. The Queen may drive out dummy's King and if your partner holds the Ace, the result of the play is the establishing of your remaining cards in that suit.

LITTLE DRIVER. Third in preference of opening suits is the lead of a suit headed by J 10, as J 10 9 8, J 10 8 X. The Jack may drive out dummy's Queen and if your partner holds the King, the result of the play is the establishing of your remaining cards in that suit.

ROYAL LEAD. The lead from K Q X or K Q X or K Q is about as acceptable as the previous class.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Dollar Liner President Van Buren is scheduled to sail from Shanghai to-day and will arrive at this port at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. This steamer will continue her voyage Round-the-World on Sunday, May 5 at 8 a.m.

The American Mail Liner President Jackson will sail from Manila at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, and will arrive at this port on Monday, May 6 at 7 a.m. She will sail on the following morning at 8 a.m. for San Francisco and Los Angeles, via Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu.

The Dollar Liner President Taft, from San Francisco Apr. 12, is due to leave Kobe to-day, arriving at Shanghai on the 2nd and leaving on the 4th. This steamer is expected to arrive here in the afternoon of Monday, the 6th inst., and will sail for Manila at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, the 7th.

The American Mail Liner President McKinley, from Seattle on April 20, is due here on May 10.

The Very Idea!

Wireless has taken all the romance out of blowing away on a ship. This, at any rate, is what Miss Hazell Cooke must be thinking as she works in the galley of the liner Tahiti, on which she concealed herself while the vessel was in San Francisco harbour.

Miss Cooke is the eighteen-year-old San Francisco Society girl who, urged on by the lure of travel, decided to take a trip to the islands of Haiti in this inexpensive and time-honoured manner. When she presented herself to the captain he sent a radiogram to her mother asking for instructions. "Put her to work," was the message received in reply.

Another wireless has come from the captain saying: "Following your instructions to the letter, Miss Cooke is not much help in the galley, but by the end of the voyage she should be pretty good at bed-making."

Macpherson's condition was critical, and his wife, much against her will, was obliged to leave him for a short time.

As she looked down on the sinking patriot, her hard face softened wonderfully, and the tears threatened to well from her eyes. Pulling herself together with an effort, she put on her bonnet and returned to the bedside to say "good-bye."

"No, remember, Angus," she said anxiously, "no extravagance! If you feel yourself slipping away—blow out the candle."

Man at Glasgow—was absolutely sober, but my feet kept getting mixed up—that was all.

Solicitor at Shoreditch County Court—What are you? Debtor—My profession is that of a sweep.

A plaintiff at Shoreditch was asked "Did you interview him?" and the reply was—"I could not. His wife was there."

Man at Glasgow to constable—You never saw me running away? Constable—I did. Man—You never, I was only walking fast.

Three men remanded at Clerkenwell on a charge of being suspected persons asked for bail. Mr. Pope (Magistrate)—Bail, be blowed.

"Most men have their own ideas how they would behave if they were their own wives."—Mr. Alec Waugh.

Could I but be my own dear spouse,

I'd prove a docile mate, I wouldn't rayo about the house When I arrived home late.

Nor would I waste much hard-earned cash On shoes and frocks or hats, Or grumble when tobacco-ash Was spilled upon the mats.

And yet, perhaps (for such is life), Should such a choice be free I'd have more sense than did my wife

And wouldn't marry—ME!

To-day's Ghost Story:—"On the night of July 9th, 1917, my husband and I went to bed rather earlier than usual, and he fell asleep at once. I felt very wide awake. Suddenly I noticed that peculiar smell of sea water that is to be found often near harbours on dark nights. I sat up, and level with the mattress was sea water all over little curved ripples. Floating quickly past, about three inches below the surface, was the body of a midshipman. In horror I tried to catch the body, and at once everything disappeared.

"I did not wake my husband, fearing something terrible might have happened to our son, a midshipman in H.M.S. Neptune. The next morning I told a cousin and some friends, and a few days later we heard that H.M.S. Vanguard had been blown up that night, and that ten midshipmen, two of whom I knew well, had lost their lives."

A party of clergymen were attending a Presbyterian conference in a Scottish town. Several of them set off to explore the surrounding district.

Presently they came to a river, spanned by a temporary bridge. Not observing a notice that the structure was unsafe, they started to cross it. The bridge-keeper ran after them in protest.

"It's quite all right," declared the spokesman, not understanding the reason for the keeper's haste; "we're Presbyterians from the Conference."

"I'm no earling about that," was the reply, "but if ye dinna get off the bridge 'ou'll all be Baptists!"

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of the Bonins. Depressions are situated over Tongking and to the north of Shantung. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—South winds, moderate; fair to showery.

HONGKONG'S HELP
TO MINERS.COMPLETE LIST OF
DONATIONS.DETAILS OF AMOUNTS SENT
HOME BY CABLE.

A SPLENDID TOTAL.

In accordance with our intimation of yesterday, we have pleasure in publishing the full list of donors to the Telegraph Fund on behalf of British miners and their families. The various sums have previously been acknowledged as they have come to hand, but in winding up the Fund we should like the public to have a complete list of the subscriptions, together with the amounts which we have from time to time cabled home.

Thanks to a final gift of over \$700 from the Hongkong Football Association, the aim of raising \$10,000 has been attained. The whole of this sum has been cabled home, and with the exception of \$100, all has been remitted to the headquarters of the Lord Mayor's Fund in London. This sum of \$100 represented half of the donation from Taihook Club members, and in accordance with their wish, was sent direct to the Scottish Miners' Fund.

Amongst the earliest donations was a 10/- note from "Mr. and Mrs. D.H.M." and this was forwarded to London by post, a receipt having since come to hand. This sum is actually in addition to the total of \$10,000.

The Bank's Services.

In again expressing our sincere thanks to all who have helped to make the Fund such a success, we cannot let the occasion pass without recording our gratitude to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for its courtesy and assistance in connexion with the remitting of the various sums. Not only has the Bank borne the cost of all cable charges, but it has also granted most favourable rates of exchange, thus materially helping the Fund. The dates of the remittances, together with the sterling equivalent of the sums periodically cabled, are as follows:

Feb. 15 \$ 500.00—£ 50. 0 0

" 22 \$ 1,000.00—£ 100. 0 0

" 27 \$ 100.00—£ 10. 0 0

Mar. 1 \$ 1,000.00—£ 100. 0 0

" 8 \$ 1,000.00—£ 100. 0 0

" 15 \$ 1,000.00—£ 100. 0 0

" 23 \$ 498.80—£ 50. 0 0

" 28 \$ 501.50—£ 50. 0 0

" 29 \$ 2,543.67—£ 254. 3 6

" 30 \$ 787.38—£ 78. 14 4

Total \$10,000.00—£998.17.8

Full List of Donors.

The full list of donors to the Fund is as follows:

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WASHING CLOTHES
IN STREET.WOMEN WHO DIDN'T KNOW IT
WAS ILLEGAL.

FINED AND WARNED.

For infringement of the recently-issued regulation prohibiting persons from washing clothes within a distance of 100 yards of street fountains, two Chinese women were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

His Worship:—I suppose this is an absolutely new regulation? Detective Sergeant Humphreys:—Yes, I have it here in the Government Gazette. I don't suppose they knew about it. They were warned by the constable, but didn't go away.

His Worship (to the interpreter):—Ask them why they didn't go away?

Defendants:—We didn't know it was against the law.

His Worship:—Well, couldn't you have taken the word of the constable for it?

Defendants:—We have only just come from the country.

Sergeant Humphreys remarked that people did not seem to know of the regulation, as he himself had warned several this morning.

In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Humphreys said he did not know if any notification had been published in the vernacular papers and suggested that due publicity be given to the cases.

His Worship said if he started to caution offenders, he would be cautioning them for the next fortnight. The thing to do, he thought, would be to impose a small fine and increase the penalty when he thought it was time that people had become acquainted with the other.

Addressing the defendants, his Worship said that the regulation was made because there was so little water in the Colony. He quite believed that they did not know about the regulation, as it was entirely new.

Defendants were each fined \$1.

The National Trust have bought Dale Head Farm, adjoining Cockley Beck Farm, in the Hard Knott and Wynnosse valley of the England lakeland, as a public acquisition.

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Miss Doris Woods (3)	1.00
Barl	1.00
Just One More	1.00
Total	\$10,000.00

RECENT ATTACK ON
EUROPEAN.COOLIE SENT TO PRISON FOR
SIX MONTHS.

"COMMON ASSAULT."

The recent assault upon Sanitary Inspector Roylance in Gascoigne Road where three men were alleged to have attempted to commit a highway robbery, had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith on a charge of assault with intent to rob.

Detective Inspector Fallon prosecuted and intimated that he had received instructions to ask his Worship's permission to reduce the charge to one of common assault. The new charge was read to the defendant who returned a plea of guilty.

Speaking of the incident, Detective Inspector Fallon said that at about 1 a.m. on April 14, Sanitary Inspector Roylance who resides at the Railway Quarters, had alighted from a bus at the junction of Nathan and Jordan Roads and had engaged a ricksha to convey him to his quarters.

On nearing the new road leading from Gascoigne Road to the King's Park recreation grounds, three men suddenly appeared from the hawker's stall at the corner. Two of them went to the sides of the ricksha, while the defendant caught hold of Inspector Roylance.

Inspector Roylance suspected something wrong immediately he saw the men run out. He struck out at defendant and on the ground he got out and struggled with the defendant. The other men seeing that their intended victim was a European and was resisting their attack, immediately ran away.

A man in a passing motor car blew a Police whistle but went on without offering assistance to Inspector Roylance. Police officers were attracted to the scene by the whistles and the defendant was arrested.

Later defendant took the Police to where he said the other two men could be found but the officers had been taken on a "wild goose chase."

In a statement, defendant said he had mistaken Inspector Roylance for a man who had given him a hiding earlier in the day.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

FAILED TO REMOVE
MATCHED.CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
FINED.

A summons against the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd., for failing to remove a matched situated at Morrison Hill Road, near the monument, was dealt with by Major Wilson this morning.

A licence had been granted to the Company in 1927 for the matched, and this licence had been extended to various periods until a month's notice was given on February 1st.

Major Wilson fined the Company \$5 and passed an order for the removal of the matched within a week.

DISTRICT COURT
MARTIAL.BEARER CHEQUES GIVEN TO
K.O.S.B. CORPORAL.

TO-DAY'S EVIDENCE.

The District Court Martial which is investigating the allegations against Corporal Charles Hendry of the King's Own Scottish Borderers that he, while acting as clerk to the President of the Regimental Institute, converted the sum of \$1,300 to his own use, continued its enquiry this morning.

The further evidence of Captain Murray McLellan, Officer Commanding the Machine Gun Co., was taken, and in reply to Mr. Wadeon, for the prosecution, stated that he could not tell from the extract from the books whether anything had been paid to the P.R.I. for by-products. He held receipts for the cheques.

The next witness called was Captain G. R. Abbott, Officer Commanding Headquarters. He stated that during 1928 Headquarters paid \$3,150.27 into the P.R.I. account.

At this juncture the Crown Advocate, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy interposed asking Mr. Wadeon why it was necessary to bring up these figures. Counsel for the prosecution replied that in order to prove embezzlement it was first of all necessary to prove deficiency.

In reply to Mr. Strellett for the defence, witness stated that it was his method to issue bearer cheques, unendorsed.

Captain S. T. C. Wright, Officer Commanding "C" Company was also called and examined on similar lines to the previous witness. He stated that in 1928 he paid into the P.R.I. account for "C" Company the sum of \$1,689.72.

The prosecution then called Hajji Nabi the proprietor of Hajji Nabi and Son, regimental contractors. He stated that he paid to the P.R.I. every month \$100 on account of rebate and also paid rent and electric light charges. Sometimes he received the bill from the clerk, and sometimes the clerk told him verbally how much was due. He identified the accused as the clerk who had told him what amount he should pay. The case is continuing.

DAIRY FARM SACKS
INVESTIGATION.COOLIES DISCHARGED FOR
LACK OF EVIDENCE.

Eight Dairy Farm coolies stopped on Monday at the junction of Pokfulam and Sassoon Roads, while proceeding in a lorry to Jardine's coalyard, were questioned in regard to the presence of a large number of sacks on the vehicle. Later the police ascertained that an excess number of sacks had been taken from the Dairy Farm premises than was authorised for the work upon which the coolies were engaged.

The coolies were charged, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, with the theft of 28 sacks from the Dairy Farm, but owing to the lack of evidence, they were discharged. The first defendant whom the police also charged with driving the lorry without a licence, was fined \$5 or in default, ten days' hard labour, and warned.

POISON GAS IN
WARFARE.BRITAIN TO RATIFY PROTOCOL
PROHIBITING USE.

SOME RESERVATIONS.

London, Apr. 30. Lord Cushendun, British delegate, announced at a meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission at Geneva to-day that he had been authorised to state that His Majesty's Government in Britain had decided to ratify immediately the 1925 Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of poison gas and of bacteriological methods in warfare, subject to the following reservations:

Firstly, the British Government are bound by the Protocol only vis-a-vis those other States which have signed and ratified the Protocol or adhered thereto.

Secondly, the British Government is to be bound by the Protocol vis-a-vis any enemy States whose armed forces or whose (part of message missing).

Lord Cushendun added that he had also been asked to announce on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Irish Free State, that they desired a similar declaration to be made on their behalf.

The Protocol was signed by thirty-eight nations four years ago. It has been ratified by Austria, Belgium, Egypt, Italy, Liberia and Venezuela and by France with reservations similar to those of the British Government.—British Wire- less.

SPRING FESTIVAL.

HAPPY SCHOOL FUNCTION AT
QUARRY BAY.

The Spring Festival of the Quarry Bay School, held this morning in the school grounds, was attended by a large gathering of parents of pupils, approximately fifty people being present. They were rewarded with a highly entertaining show, which, from the way the participants took their parts, showed the care taken by the mistresses as well as the pupils to give a good impression.

Among those present were Mr. E. Ralphs, Acting Director of Education, Mrs. Minett, Mrs. Swann and Mrs. Duppy.

On the school ground was erected an open-air stage brightly decorated with flowers. In the centre of the stage was a throne, the seat of the Queen of the May, charmingly represented by little Miss Primrose Wilson. There were, in all, fifteen items on the programme those deserving special mention being the Maypole Dance and the Solo Dance.

A word must be said for Mrs. S. W. Cressay who was at the piano throughout, and was assisted by Mr. Cressay and Mr. W. E. Webber.

At the end of the show, Miss Cotton, the Headmistress of the school, thanked Mr. K. E. Greig for kindly lending a launch to convey visitors from Murray Pier to Taihook. She also wished to thank the parents of the pupils for their kindness and co-operation in making the festival a success. Without their help, she continued, the show would have been an impossibility.

In reply, Mr. Ralphs complimented the Headmistress and the pupils of the school on making such a success of the show. The pupils were very fortunate, he said, in having such a fine staff of mistresses, and in turn, the mistresses were also extremely fortunate in having such a fine lot of pupils.

FALSE PRETENCES
ALLEGED.COCK AND BULL STORY
OF ARREST.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning with endeavouring to obtain \$30 from a woman at No. 269, Des Voeux Road West, by means of false pretences.

The prosecution stated that after leaving a letter at the doorstep of the woman for his visit, the defendant called, on another day, with a cock-and-bull story about her husband having been arrested in Canton for smuggling opium, and that he had been sent by him to obtain the wherewithal to pay his fine.

He was unable to give the husband's name or describe his appearance to the woman, and was detained and handed over to the police. The case was adjourned.

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CANTON TENNIS.

COMING MATCHES AGAINST HONGKONG PLAYERS.

Canton, Apr. 30.
The "At Home" and prize-giving which were to have been held on Saturday last, by the Canton Citizens' Athletic Association on their courts in the First Public Park, Canton, were postponed for various reasons until next Saturday.

The finals of the Men's Championship Singles were postponed from Saturday to Sunday on account of the indisposition of Ma Chi-huen. However, on the latter day Ma Chi-huen found no difficulty in defeating his opponent, Lau Fook-ling in the three straight sets 6/4, 6/0, 6/4. Ma Chi-huen played his usual brilliant game, but Lau Fook-ling, though never expected to win, did not even play up to his average and was completely outclassed.

The proceedings on Saturday next will commence with the presentation of the prizes for the American Association challenge cups by General Chan Ming-shu; this will be one of his first public functions since his accident in the King Edward Hotel fire. Following the presentation of prizes there will be a number of exhibition matches which will extend over Saturday, Sunday and Monday when some of the champions of Hongkong will come up and meet the champions of Canton.

The matches arranged so far are M. W. Lo, Open Singles Champion of Hongkong versus Ma Chi-huen, Open Singles Champion of Canton; Miss Enid Lo (Hongkong) versus Mrs. C. E. Watson, ladies' Open Singles Champion of Canton;

Ho Chun-man and Wong Pok-king, Open Doubles Champions of Canton, versus M. W. Lo and his partner (who it is hoped will be M. K. Lo).

Ho Chun-man and Miss Jenny Lee (Canton) versus M. W. Lo and Miss Enid Lo (Hongkong).—Our Own Correspondent.

K.C.C. PRESENTATION.

PARTING GIFT TO MR. K. A. CARSTENSEN.

Mr. K. A. Carstensen, of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, leaves Hongkong early this morning on the Empress of Russia on home leave. He is travelling via Canada to his home in Denmark and does not expect to be stationed in Hongkong on his return to the Far East at the end of the summer.

Mr. Carstensen carries away with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends. Before his departure he was the recipient at the Kowloon Cricket Club of a silver cigarette box suitably inscribed, subscribed for by a number of his Club friends.

The presentation was made by Mr. Ezra Abraham, who expressed regret that Mr. Carstensen's association with the Club had come to an end. He had been a member for four years and had taken a keen interest in sporting activities, particularly lawn tennis, in which he had played for the Club in League games.

Mr. Carstensen, replying, expressed his grateful thanks and said he left with pleasant memories of his stay in Hongkong and particularly of his association with the K.C.C. When passing through on his return, members could depend upon it that one of the first things he would do would be to make a bee line for the K.C.C.

Opportunity was also taken to wish Mr. W. W. Hirst, a member of the General Committee of the K.C.C. and Convenor of the House Committee, a pleasant voyage. Mr. Hirst left the Colony yesterday afternoon on a well-earned home leave.

FOOTBALL MATTERS.

COUNCIL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY EVENING.

Only general business relating to the Association was discussed at the Hongkong Football Association Council meeting held in the Board Room of the S. C. M. Post yesterday evening.

Those present were Mr. R. Hall (Chairman), Mr. W. E. Hollands (Secretary), Mr. G. T. May (Treasurer), Messrs. Lee, J. Black, E. Smith, R. Ormiston, Lt. George, Commandr. Byron and another naval representative.

After the monthly statement of accounts had been submitted by the Treasurer, the Chairman informed those present that the Association had donated \$787.38 towards the Miners' Fund in order that the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph might reach the \$10,000 mark at which that paper had aimed.

After further discussion it was agreed that the amount allocated to the Miners' Fund be taken from the Interport Account.

Mr. Black raised the question of fixing a date for the annual general meeting, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold the annual meeting on June 28.

The 13th annual athletic meeting of St. Joseph's College takes place on Saturday, May 11, at Sookunpo. A novel race has been introduced in the long list of events. This is an Inter Hong Team Race for which the following entries have already been received: Messrs. Hongkong Electric, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Chartered Bank, Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Jardine Matheson and Asiatic Petroleum Co.

TWO VIEWS ON THE YEO FRAUDS?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Treasury you were indefinite, you were indefinite as to how to account for these three cheques, that you had not made up your mind, and wrote that letter saying that the account should not be debited, the matter being under investigation? If those had been the circumstances at the Treasury present in your mind, that would be the kind of letter you would have written?—The letter was written on advice.

Mr. Messer was closely questioned as to whether he ever entertained the possibility of the signatures being obtained by a trick.

Asked the first time, witness said that he did not. Later, he said he thought there might have been an attempt to get genuine signatures.

Not His Signatures.

Mr. Jenkin:—I suggested that you were holding two views—one that they were not your signatures, and two, that there was the possibility that you were wrong and that they were yours and had been obtained by some trick?—I was certain they were not my signatures.

Mr. Jenkin read over the evidence which Mr. Messer gave in the criminal trial, which showed that witness said, in reply to a question:—"I might have been wrong. They might have been got by a trick." In reply to other questions at that trial, witness said that during the search, dud vouchers to cover the cheques were looked for.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin to-day, witness said that at the time of the search, Mr. King certainly believed that the signatures were those of Mr. Messer.

Mr. Jenkin:—There was a state of inconclusiveness about the whole matter?—Certain people seemed to think the signatures were genuine.

And that the cheques had been obtained by a trick?—Yes.

You were, I take it, interviewed a considerable amount by various law officers?—Not very much. And by the Police Department?—Very little.

You don't suggest that they almost ignored you?—I don't want to make any suggestions.

Were statements taken from you?—I don't think the police took them.

Mistake to Arrest.

Questioned with regard to Tsang On-wing, Mr. Messer said that in his opinion even at that time Tsang was free from blame. He thought it was a mistake to arrest him and asked that he should not be arrested.

Mr. Jenkin:—During that afternoon Tsang was not consulted except in a very minor degree? That is the tenor of your evidence?—I did not consult him.

Dealing with the caution appearing on the covers of cheque books, counsel suggested that one reason for that was that the Bank should be sure that the customer had got the cheques and that he would retain them in his possession.

Witness replied that the Bank, in that notice, suggested certain precautions should be taken.

Mr. Jenkin:—They also want to be assured that the cheques will be used by the customer and no-one else?—Where does it say that? Oh yes. Not give them to strangers.

In the absence of circumstances obviously pointing to the contrary, have you any doubt that the Bank in meeting a cheque would rely on those matters I have just mentioned to you?—The Bank would use its own discretion.

Signature "Awful"

Speaking with regard to his signatures on the disputed cheques, Mr. Messer said they were written freshhand, he thought, but they did not appear to have been written as quickly as witness usually wrote. He said he did not always write at the same speed, but when he wrote slowly his signature was "awful."

Witness continued that he based his opinions on the peculiar regularity and if, he might say so, the "schoolboy" style of the signatures.

When Mr. Jenkin pointed out that that was a new expression, witness agreed that the description could be cut out altogether.

He agreed that he could not see any hesitation in the signatures, except in the "CI" on the Kalz cheque. There must have been hesitation there, he said.

Mr. Jenkin suggested to witness that the signatures on the disputed cheques reproduced most illusive qualities or features of witness's handwriting, and they reproduced exactly his own pen pressure.

Mr. Messer replied that that depended on the way the pen was held; and was understood to say

"THE IRON MASK."

SUPER FILM NOW SHOWING AT QUEEN'S.

Three periods of French history are represented in Douglas Fairbanks' new United Artists Picture, "The Iron Mask," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The story opens in the France of 1638, with Louis XIII on the throne, and the newborn heir in his cradle. D'Artagnan and the three musketeers, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, engage in the adventures and intrigue and loves of their youth. The winking king and his splendid court are in the zenith of their glory, and Richelieu is supreme in his power. D'Artagnan, young and carefree, wields his sword in defence of his king, and pursues his love affair with the little seamstress, Constance.

Tragedy ends this gay epoch: Athos, Porthos and Aramis are banished to the far corners of France by the Cardinal. D'Artagnan remains alone in Paris, bereft of the companion swords of his loyal friends.

The next scenes are laid in 1643, five years later. The powerful Richelieu is dying, depriving France of one of her most devoted leaders. The king maintains the pomp and glory of a throne which aways with the loss of its strongest prop, the Cardinal. The little Dauphin is the centre of the hopes of the country and is being trained in all the arts of "princehood." D'Artagnan, elevated from the ranks of the musketeers to the post of personal guard of heir to the throne, retains the gallantry of his gay youth with the added dignity which time and responsibility have brought him. It is to D'Artagnan that the dying Richelieu bequeaths the care and training of the little Dauphin.

Twenty years pass between the death of the Cardinal and the opening of the third period of the story. Beneath the penantry and pomp of the court of 1663, the intrigues of de Rochefort and his conspirators flourish unhampered by the departed Richelieu. King Louis XIII is dead, and the young Louis occupies his father's throne. D'Artagnan, now a captain of the guards, is the constant companion of the boy king. His hair is grey, and his features are chiselled with a new dignity and austerity, but the same unquenchable ardour lies in his face and eyes. This period brings the reunion of the four musketeers. Athos lays aside his books, Porthos relinquishes his feasting and Aramis deserts his church to join D'Artagnan in the defence of king and country. The valiant quartette are older in years but not in spirit.

The authenticity of the modes, manners and settings of the three periods was assured by the personal supervision of M. Maurice Leloir, an eminent authority on the seventeenth century.

Mr. Fairbanks again plays D'Artagnan, as he did in "The Three Musketeers," of which "The Iron Mask" is a sequel.

SOCIAL PROBLEM IN MALAYA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Increasing by 300,000 annually in British Malaya generally, and the disproportion of the sexes was terrible.

The Government and the Chinese welfare authorities were doing their utmost to overcome a really difficult social problem.

After further discussion, the House agreed to the Colonial Office Estimates.—*Reuter.*

Dead Sea Concessions.

In the course of the debate, the Colonial Secretary alluded to the Dead Sea area and said that the region contained vast quantities of minerals.

Whether those minerals could be extracted under conditions which would yield a commercial profit was uncertain, but he was glad to say that long negotiations between the Palestine and Trans-Jordanian Governments as concessionaires, had now practically come to a conclusion satisfactory from the viewpoint of the two governments.

Lt.-Col. Amery also mentioned that the total trade of the Colonial Empire had by 1927 come very close to £500,000,000 and he had no doubt the figures of the present year would well exceed it.—*British Wireless.*

It was an easy matter to copy pen pressure.

Do you agree that these cheques reproduce your own individual pen pressure?—It is very similar. I cannot go farther than similar. I don't profess to be an expert.

Mr. Messer agreed that the pen pressure on the disputed cheques was so similar to genuine signatures that he could not distinguish it.

The case is proceeding.

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KWANGSI OFFICER.

UNABLE TO FIND ALLEGED FRIEND.

Wong Yuen Tack, the Kwangsi army officer, who was recently before the Magistrate on a charge of stealing a jacket from a shop at Des Voeux Road West, was sent to prison for three weeks at the Central Police Court this morning on conviction of the charge.

Sergeant Elmo informed Mr. E. W. Hamilton that in spite of being given every opportunity, the defendant had been unable to find the man to whom he had referred the police for his credentials.

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CHAPTER XX.

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"Good!" McMann applauded. "That's all—no, send Covey in to me. He's in 715 down the hall, you know. And now, Hayward, another question, if you can spare the time," he called out sarcastically to the young man who stood at one of the two front windows, his arm about Ruth Lester's shoulders.

"Yes," Jack wheeled.

"You've said you and Miss Lester attended a matinee. Where theatre? When did the curtain go up?"

Ruth saw the drift of the question before it was apparent to Jack, but there was nothing to do but to stand quietly in the circle of his arm as he answered:

"The Princess Theatre. The play was 'Murder.' The curtain rose at 2:45."

"Murder," Ruth repeated. "A neat coincidence, eh? I hope you both enjoyed the show?"

Ruth, remembering how she had wept uncontrollably during the second act because the district attorney reminded her of her dead father, did not answer except with a nervous flicker of her eyelashes, and Jack's only response was a tightening of his arm about the girl's shoulders.

"Two forty-five curtain, eh?" McMann nodded, his eyes narrowing to points of steel light. "You say you were not in your office at 2:10 when Cowan was plugged in on a busy line after he'd called your number, that you were rejoining Miss Lester at the Chester Hotel at that moment. Right?"

"That's correct," Jack retorted curtly.

McMann shuffled his notes, pretending to consult them to refresh his memory. "And yet, Hayward, you were in such a hurry to leave the hotel that you didn't take time to read the figures on your check, and started off in a rush without your briefcase. According to the waiter's story, you didn't have dessert after you got back to the hotel. If, as you say, it was only 10 after two when you returned, what was your hurry?"

"I was not in a hurry," Jack contradicted. "I had a cup of coffee, sat talking with Miss Lester for a few minutes, and left the dining room at 2:25. We were both under the impression that it was a 2:30 curtain and walked directly to the theatre, which is four blocks from the Chester Hotel."

"Humm!" McMann considered. Then, "So you were among the first arrivals, eh? The doorman and usher would be likely to remember you, I suppose, and could corroborate your story?"

Jack's hand closed so tightly over Ruth's shoulder that she winced, but his voice was steady.

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as he answered: "No, we were not among the first arrivals—in the theatre itself, that is. There was a notice on one of the boards in the lobby, giving curtain time, and we turned away, walking about in the neighbourhood of the theatre for 10 minutes or so."

"Really?" McMann was politely surprised. "With Miss Lester suffering from a cold, you walked her about in Saturday's high wind? I'm surprised at you, Hayward."

"It was not cold any longer. I'd had two or three cups of hot coffee while waiting for Mr. Hayward." Ruth cut in determinedly.

"I preferred walking to sitting in a draughty theatre."

"I suppose you checked your briefcase, Hayward?" McMann demanded, after a brief, measuring glance at Ruth.

Again that convulsive pressure on Ruth's shoulder. "No, I kept it with me—my overtone also."

"Not taking any chances on the check room girl's curiosity, were you?" McMann insisted.

"I don't think she would have been interested in the contents—life insurance literature and lists of prospects," Jack answered evenly.

"There was no gun in that briefcase, McMann."

"That's your story, and you're going to stick to it, eh?" McMann growled. "Listen, Hayward, you must realize that I've got the goods on you! Three people—the elevator operator, Moran; Cowan, a friend of yours, who would have lied to protect you if he had dared; and Phillips, the waiter—have told substantially the same story: you were in a white-hot rage against Harry Borden and threatened to kill him."

"By your own admission you returned to your office, where you kept a gun. Your secretary says it was still there Saturday morning, and it's not there now. Cowan hears Borden defying your interference and threats over the telephone at 10 minutes after two. I submit that Borden came to the window on the airshaft, directly opposite your own window, not knowing that you had been telephoning from your own office, that you saw him, reached for your gun and shot him down before he suspected his danger; that you then came to his office, opened the outer door with the key so providentially placed in your hands by the waiter, closed the window without taking time to notice that one of the pigeons had already betrayed you by leaving tracks of blood outside the window as well as on the floor inside the room; that you then robbed the dead man's body of the \$500 so that it would look like the work of a hold-up man, or because you badly needed the money. That's my case, Hayward, and if I were a prosecuting attorney I'd be willing to take it to court as it is!"

"Just a minute, Jack!" Ruth cried peremptorily, as the furious young man started forward. "Listen, Mr. McMann. Remember that you've got to find someone who saw him in this wing of the building after he returned to his office. There were cleaning women and undoubtedly other tenants on the floor, and Rita Dubois was certainly here about the time you insist that Jack was in Borden's office. I know he wasn't, for he couldn't have got in, and my evidence about the key would not be ignored in court as you have chosen to ignore it."

There was a flicker of admiration in McMann's eyes as they studied the girl. "When did Hayward return your key, Miss Lester?" he asked at last, very quietly.

"He did not return it, because he had never seen it or touched it," Ruth denied passionately. "As I explained a while ago, the key the waiter found on the floor could not have been the office key. It was my apartment key, the only one that could have fallen out of my bag when I dropped it. He returned it immediately to my bag, for it was there when I reached the apartment Saturday evening, and the bag had not been out of my possession after I returned to the table—before Mr. Hayward left for the theatre tickets."

But as Ruth was concluding her argument in a triumphant rush of words, her too-clear memory betrayed her. Like a scrap of motion picture film, a scene passed before her mind's eye: Jack and herself in the bank Saturday evening; Jack, waiting for her to make her deposit, and holding her handbag for her; Jack's guilty flush when she rallied him on having opened it; "Peeking to see what kind of lipstick I use, darling!"

"Haven't you remembered something you'd like to forget, Miss Lester?" McMann asked, almost kindly.

"No!" Ruth denied. No, no! She had told him the truth. It must have been her apartment key which had fallen out of her purse and which Jack had been returning. But—why hadn't he explained then?

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SMALL-POX FIGURES.

LAST WEEK'S RETURN SHOWS FURTHER DECREASE.

The weekly return of the Medical Officer of Health, showed a further decline for last week in the number of small-pox cases. Only eleven were reported as against 16 the previous week. Nine of these came from Victoria and two from Kowloon. Ten were Chinese (two imported) and one Japanese. The deaths numbered 15.

Yesterday, two more Chinese cases were reported from the Victoria registration district.

The following table gives the weekly return since November 3:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	18
December 15	31	29
December 22	31	28
December 29	78	48
January 5	80	48
January 12	85	44
January 19	91	88
January 26	78	77
February 2	67	68
February 9	80	69
February 16	47	61
February 23	51	59
March 2	37	42
March 9	26	51
March 16	31	47
March 23	22	29
March 30	13	10
April 6	21	39
April 13	16	38
April 20	11	15
April 27	11	15

DISARMAMENT.

USE OF POISON GAS.

Geneva, Apr. 30.

In the Disarmament Committee, Lord Cushendun announced that Great Britain would ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibiting the use of poison gas in war-time, provided the other Powers also ratified it.

Lord Cushendun made a similar reservation on behalf of the Governments of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the Irish Free State.

Mr. Riddell (Canada) announced that the Canadian Government intended to submit to Parliament a proposal to ratify the protocol, subject to reciprocity.

Limitation Questions.

The Committee discussed treaties annexed to the draft treaty dealing with maximum land, sea and air forces, and decided to adjourn consideration of the proposals with regard to maximum naval armaments.

The British Empire and American delegations accept limitation of naval armaments only. If they are generally accepted, and a satisfactory agreement be reached with regard to limitation of armaments.

The matter will be discussed when the American delegation produces its scheme for naval disarmament.—*Reuter.*

MINISTER TO CANADA.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. IYEMASA TOKUGAWA.

Tokyo, Apr. 30.

Mr. Iyemasa Tokugawa, a former Councillor to the Japanese Embassy in London, a grandson of the last Tokugawa Shogun, has been appointed Japan's first Minister to Canada.—*Reuter.*

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TO-DAY'S LOCAL BROADCAST.

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 350 metres: 1.45 p.m. Weather report. 5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese music. (Beka Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Canton Trading Association, Ltd. 7.45 p.m. Evening weather report. 8 p.m. Evening programme. (H.M.V. records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.) "Shepherd's Hey," "Molly on the Shore," "Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden."

"Sombre Woods," "Down Here," "The Song Is Ended," "Just A Memory," Vocal Duet. Winnie Melville & Derek Oldham.

"So This Is Spring," "Cuckoo," Humorous, Leslie Sarony. "My Old Shako," "Close Friends," "So Well It On No More A-Roying," "Love, Could It Only Tell Thee," "Good News," Selection.

"Victor Arden—Phil Ohman & The Orchestra with male chorus." "Southern Melodies Waltz—No. 1 & 2," "Waltz Kolomojka's Honoluluans." "Etude in E flat Major—Op. 10, No. 11."

"Etude in C sharp minor—Op. 10, No. 4," "Etude in F Major—Op. 25, No. 3," "Etude in A flat Major—Op. 10, No. 10," "Pianoforte Solo, Benno Moisewitsch." "La Boheme."

"Marek Weber and His Orchestra." "Rattle of Spring," "Beet Wedding," "Pianoforte Solo, Irene Scharrer." "Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark," "Swiss Echo Song," Soprano, Marion Talley.

"Zampa," Overture, The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. "Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6," "Pianoforte Solo, Michela Lavitzki." "Angels Guard Thee," "Murmuring Breezes," Tenor, Leonard Gowings.

"Clowns In Clover," Selection, The New Mayfair Orchestra. "The Old Superb," Bass-Baritone, Peter Dawson. "Homeward Bound," Bass-Baritone, Peter Dawson.

"Sonata in C Minor, Op. 13," "Pianoforte Solo, Frederic Lamond." "Andantino in D Flat," "Traumerei," Organ Solo, Edward H. Lemare.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

LETTER GOLF.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each

EUROPEANS ROBBED.

THEFTS FROM TWO KOW- LOON DWELLINGS.

Two burglaries occurred in Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Monday night, the first at the home of Mr. S. H. Loseby, at No. 3, and the second at that of Captain A. Corballe, of the Somerset Light Infantry, at No. 9. In both cases access to the houses was effected by means of an open window, and the indications seem to go to show that the robberies are the work of an organised gang.

While Mr. Loseby was asleep a burglar or burglars climbed up to the open bedroom window, and opening the drawer of the dressing-table extracted a pair of gold cuff links and \$30 in cash, while at the house of Captain Corballe a crocodile-leather travelling clock and \$2 in cash were taken from the dressing table.

Up to late last night there was no definite clue as to the identity of the burglars, but it is thought that the same gang may be at work that robbed the houses of Mr. A. T. Hamilton and Mr. Edmonds in Hongkong recently.

The accused man in this latter case it will be recalled, told the police that he would take them to the address of the head of the gang. This he did, but on arrival of the police at the address in Kowloon it was found that the wanted man had disappeared. The methods used in the two robberies on Monday are said to have been identical with those employed in the Hongkong burglaries.

SOVIET UNMASKED.

BOLSHEVIST PLOTTING IN EGYPT EXPOSED.

Cairo, Apr. 30.

The Egyptian authorities have unmasked a serious attempt by the Soviet to establish a centre of Bolshevik propaganda in Egypt, under the cloak of an agency called the Textile Imports, Limited, which the Soviet was allowed to establish two years ago in Alexandria, to purchase cotton.

Subsequently, after the arrival of one Alexis Vassileff as manager of the agency, the purchases of cotton declined. When the agency engaged a certain Hugo Rudolf instead of a local cotton expert, the authorities made an enquiry, and soon obtained sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Rudolf and other Communists with whom he had established contact.

It appears that Rudolf was really Rudolf Pinnis, a brother of Edward Pinnis, head of the "Sovietplot," Constantinople. Letters from the latter were found on him, proving that the main object of the Soviet cotton agency was to promote the cause of Bolshevism.

Pinnis has been deported, and Vassileff has left at the request of the Egyptian Government.—*Reuter.*

jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

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THE WATER SHORTAGE.

RESTRICTION ON VESSELS IN HARBOUR.

That the water shortage will be felt not only by the residents of the Colony but also by vessels in port was shown by a Notice to Mariners, No. 25 of 1929, issued by the Harbour Master, the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., yesterday.

The full text of the Notice is as follows:

Owners and masters of vessels are hereby advised that owing to the shortage of water, from May 1, 1929, until further notice, the supply of water for shipping will be restricted to a minimum quantity.

Masters of vessels are therefore advised to take such action as they deem necessary in obtaining an adequate supply elsewhere.

PASSENGER FIGURES.

FOR WEEK ENDING ON SATURDAY.

Passenger figures for the week ending April 27 issued by the Harbour Office authorities show an excess of departures over arrivals by approximately 3,000. Only the departures by ocean-going steamers give better figures than the arrivals, the other two items, by river steamers and by junks and launches being just the reverse.

	Arr.	Dep.
Ocean-Going	13,254	15,500
River Steamers	24,250	24,206
Junks and Launches	487	397
Totals	37,991	40,203

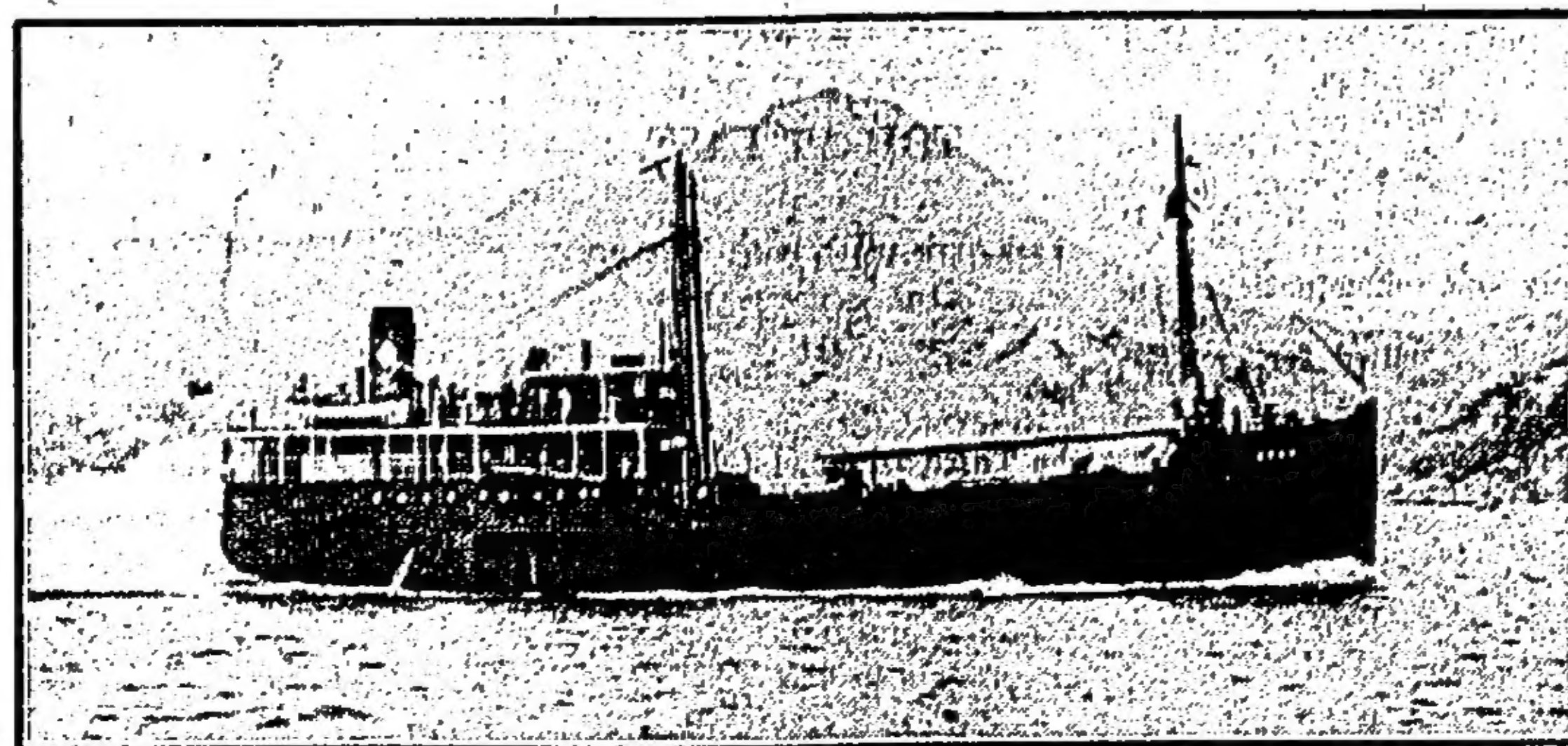
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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th May, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTER & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 29th April, 1929.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. SLIM, SLAM, SEAM, SEAS, LEAS, LEAN.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 29th April, 1929.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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All damaged cargo will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 1st May, 1929, at 10 a.m. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd May, 1929, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents. Hongkong, 27th April, 1929.

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MOBEA	10,953	25th May.	Bombay, M'los & London
LAHORE	5,252	1st June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
DELTA	8,097	8th June.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
JEYPORE	5,318	15th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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TALMA	10,000	13th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yoko & Osaka
ROSSINGTON COURT	—	14th May.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
GURNA	5,248	21st May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RAJPUTANA	16,568	22nd May.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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NANKING ON THEIR DIGNITY.

KUOMINCHUN CONDEMNED FOR SHANTUNG ACTION.

TENSION UNRELAXED.

Nanking, Apr. 30.
A statement regarding the week-end developments over the occupation of Shantung, suggesting strong feeling against Feng Yu-hsiang, is reported to have been made by General Ho Ying-ching, the Chief of Staff to the Nationalist Army.

According to Chinese reports, General Ho Ying-ching declared that as General Sun Liang-sing was officially appointed as Civil Governor of Shantung by the Central Government, it was a gross breach of discipline to retire with his troops without the consent of the Nanking authorities.

His truculent attitude, and the manner of his expression of dissatisfaction at the Central Government's decisions regarding the disposition of troops, is to be strongly condemned.

General Ho stated that a telegram had been despatched to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, instructing him to advise his subordinates retiring from Shantung to return and to respect the dignity of the Nanking authorities.

Mr. Wu Han-min is stated to have commented on the situation in similar terms, characterizing the excuse of illness advanced by General Sun Liang-sing as an absurd pretext.

Ridiculous Position.

He condemned General Sun as endeavouring to put the National Government into a ridiculous position, while there might be a grave possibility of international complications if there were insubordinate troops in Shantung to guarantee peace and order.

It is reported in Chinese circles that the Nanking Government may shortly demand an inquiry into the reasons for General Sun Liang-sing's sudden retirement from Shantung.

In view of the delicacy of the situation, the newspapers were prohibited from publishing the facts of the Shantung trouble, though a number of veiled hints have been given.

A Chengchow message says that Feng Yu-hsiang fully endorses the action of his subordinate, Sun Liang-sing, and there seems little doubt that the retirement was carried out under instructions from Marshal Feng.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is expected in Nanking to-morrow.

FRENCH AVIATION PROSPECTS.

AIR SERVICES TO AND IN FAR EAST?

Paris, Apr. 30.
At a dinner given in honour of Bailly and Regiment, the Air Minister declared that their recent flight gave very useful indications for the establishment of a regular air service between France and Indo-China.

In addition, French airmen will this year make trial flights from Rangoon to Indo-China, and the air service may later be extended further East. The project is being submitted to the Chamber.

SANITARY BOARD VACANCY.

MR. M. K. LO THE ONLY CANDIDATE.

Contrary to expectations, the only candidate for the seat on the Sanitary Board vacated by Dr. S. C. Ho is Mr. M. K. Lo, whose nomination has been proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and seconded by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Seen at one o'clock this afternoon, when the time-limit for the sending in of nominations closed, the Registrar, Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, said that as there was only one nomination, the process of holding an election would not be called for.

"CHEAP YELLOW LABOUR."

RUSSIANS OBJECT TO CHINESE WORKERS.

Riga, Apr. 30.
Russian Trade Union representatives have protested to Moscow against the employment of "cheap yellow labour" as being inconsistent with the principles of a proletarian dictatorship.

The protest is a sequel to the importation of Chinese labour for the cotton fields in Pershiana and Uzbek from Chinese Turkistan.

SPLENDID GIFT TO HOSPITAL FUND.

LORD REVELSTOKE LEAVES £100,000.

THANKS TO "AUDAX."

London, Apr. 30.

It is learned that Lord Revelstoke, who died suddenly in Paris as the result of a heart attack when attending the Reparations Conference as the principal British delegate, has bequeathed £100,000 to King Edward's Hospital Fund, the income from which is to be distributed annually.

The following letter has been addressed by Lord Stamfordham, the King's Private Secretary, to "Audax," the donor of the Gift of one hundred thousand guineas to the King's recovery:—"Dear Audax:—The proposal to express your gratitude for the King's recovery in the noble and generous manner indicated in your letter is welcomed with feelings of deep appreciation by His Majesty."

The one hundred thousand guineas will indeed find a splendid nucleus to the appeal made by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, and the King knows by experience that the whole amount of this thank-offering will be wisely and effectively administered by the Council.

For almost thirty years, His Majesty has taken the deepest interest in the Fund, of which he was President for some nine years, and he emphasises what the hospitals of London owe to its admirable work and administration.

Moreover, owing to his recovery from a long and serious illness the King recognises his debt of gratitude to the doctors, surgeons, and nurses, and that it is in the great hospital that both medical science has developed and the nursing profession has been trained to its present standard of excellence.

Reuter and British Wireless.

TUESDAY'S SOLAR ECLIPSE.

SHOULD BE QUITE VISIBLE IN HONGKONG.

HOW TO OBSERVE IT.

The following information in regard to the solar eclipse which takes place on Tuesday next is courteously forwarded by Mr. C. W. Jeffries, acting Director of the Royal Observatory:

An eclipse of the sun occurs on May 9th, visible in its total phase on a line extending from a point in the Indian Ocean 600 miles to the South-West of Madagascare across Northern Sumatra, Malaya, Indo-China and the Philippines. It will be visible as a partial eclipse over East Africa, India, the greater part of China, Japan, the East Indies and Australia.

In Hongkong the standard times of the various phases are as follows:

Beginning 2.5 p.m.
Centre of Eclipse 3.21 "

End 4.31 "

During the greatest phase, 64 of the sun's surface will be eclipsed by the moon's disc. The first and last contacts occur at angles of 221 and 147 respectively from the north point of the sun.

The phenomenon may be observed in any telescope with a suitable coloured screen. A telescope with a positive eye piece (i.e. an inverting or astronomical telescope) can be arranged as a photographic lens to project an image of the sun on a suitably placed white screen.

BRADFORD CITY ON TOP AT LAST.

LEAGUE-WINNING VICTORY AT ROCHDALE.

London, Apr. 30.

Bradford City go to the head of the Third Division (North) as the result of a brilliant victory at Rochdale to-day. The championship was probably at stake in this game, and Bradford City played splendidly, winning by three goals to one.

The leaders in the Division are now shown in the league table as follows:

Bradford City 41 25 9 6 125 42 61
Stockport 41 27 6 8 108 56 60
Wrexham 41 21 10 10 90 60 52

On Saturday, when the last matches of the season are to be played, Bradford City are at home to South Shields, while Stockport are at home to Barrow.

PARIS FEARS MAY DAY TROUBLE.

DRASTIC PRECAUTIONS BY HOME SECRETARY.

AGITATORS DETAINED.

Paris, Apr. 30.

Like Germany, France is apprehensive of trouble to-morrow when Labour organisations plan to hold the usual May Day celebrations.

Drastic precautions against untoward incidents have been taken by the Minister of the Interior, as the result of which, it has been considered necessary to arrest a large number of suspicious foreigners.

Raids were carried out in different parts of the city last night, and twenty-five of the suspects have been expelled from the country, including M. Bespaloff, the President of the Lyons Union for the Representation of Russians.

Bespaloff is a well-known member of the Third Internationale and it is believed that he was sent to Paris for the express purpose of directing foreign Communist agitation, and to foster demonstrations to-morrow.

M. Davilleux, the Secretary of the Extremist Trade Unionist Confederations, whom his party had instructed to remain in hiding until to-morrow, was also arrested.

Border Countries Follow.

Riga, Apr. 30.

The Latvian authorities have forbidden May Day demonstrations. The police to-day raided Communist headquarters and seized correspondence from the Third Internationale, threatening to discontinue financing the Latvian "Comrades" unless they demonstrated on May Day.

It is learned from Kovno, that the Lithuanian Government has issued a similar order, and has closed down all Socialist organisations.

Three hundred and fourteen persons suspected of "militant communism" have now been arrested in Paris. Troops from several provincial garrisons have arrived and the police have been reinforced.

SHOCK FOR LOCAL MOTORISTS.

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1928. A local difficulty might be smuggling. But as the article is bulky this difficulty, which means smuggling from Canton, would not be real unless the tax were made much higher, say 40 cents a gallon. The duty on importation of China is considerably more than that proposed for Hongkong.

Solid Tyres Expensive.

There are only about three large firms who import petrol into Hongkong. It should be easy to license such firms for wholesale dealing and duty collected from these firms on returns periodically given to the revenue authorities, such returns being checked by the difference between Exports and Imports and amount in storage.

As it is not advisable to put too great a tax on petrol, the Committee state, it becomes necessary to increase the tax on motor vehicles by other means and it is recommended that the system in force in Great Britain be adopted. That is, in addition to the Petrol Tax there should be a horse power tax on private vehicles, a seating tax on Hackney vehicles and a weight tax on commercial vehicles (i.e. lorries). It is further proposed to treble the last mentioned tax in the case of solid tyred lorries owing to the great damage done to roads by such vehicles.

The Committee were of the opinion that solid tyred vehicles could not be prohibited, and in order to discourage their use have suggested increased licence fees for such vehicles.

Comparable Figures.

Justification for the heavy increases involved in many cases is provided by an annexure, showing that the amount spent in 1928, on maintenance of roads open to Motor Traffic was as follows:—

Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in City \$ 70,615.00

Maintenance of Roads and Bridges outside City 99,098.00

Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in Kowloon 65,674.82

Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in New Kowloon 18,429.21

Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in New Territories 63,921.89

Total \$317,739.38

The amount collected in Motor Licence fees, in 1928, was as follows:—

Motor Car Licences \$ 81,704.00

Motor Drivers' Licences 25,430.75

Total \$117,134.75

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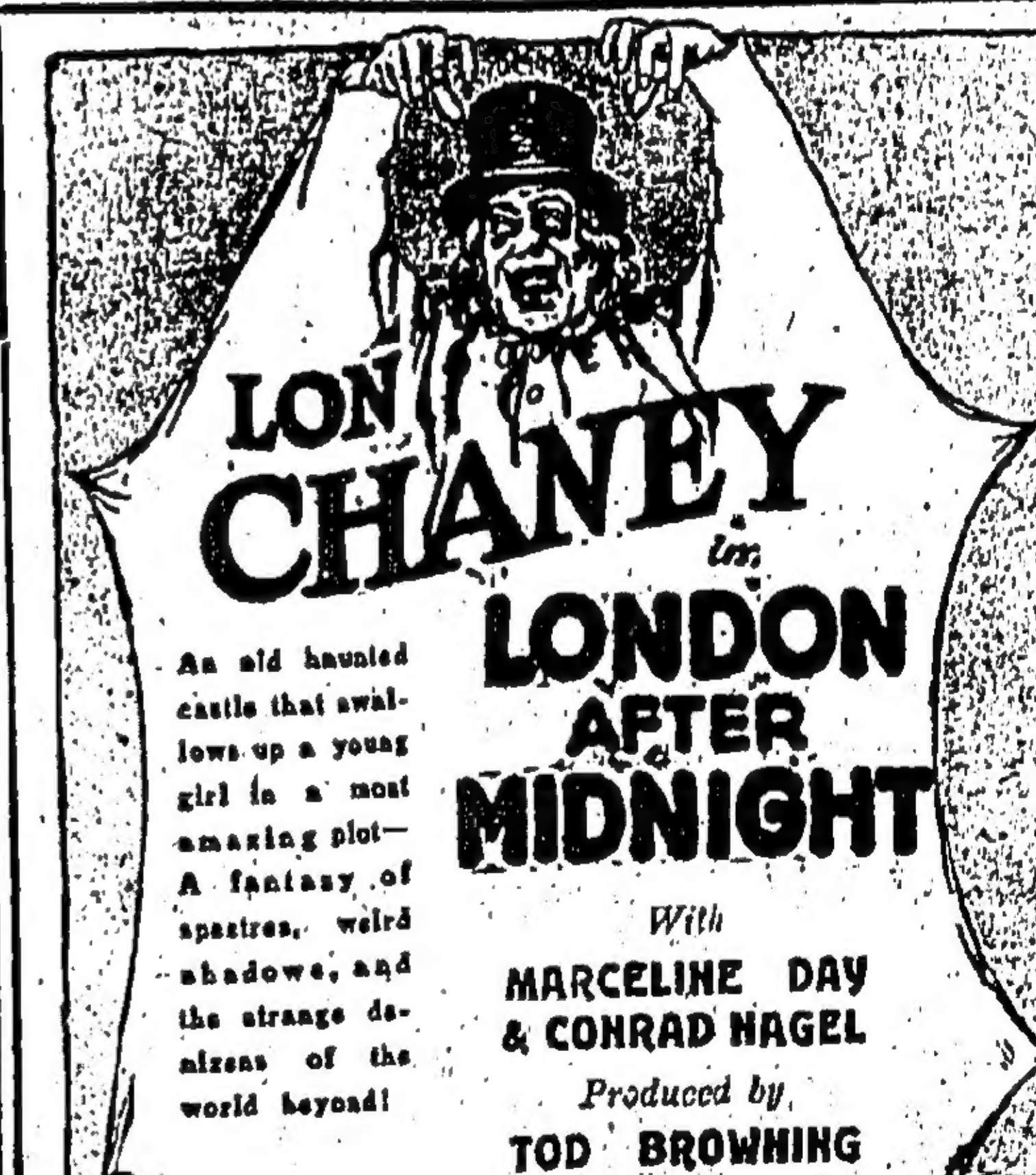
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